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Background: The hardcover scrapbook, 12x14.5 inches, is very well done, possibly by Mrs. Adrienne Quinlan. She and her husband Mick, both on the faculty at SSC in 2005, are featured on the first page of the book as survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The book is full of newspaper clippings about St. Stanislaus during the course of the year. The clippings include the dates and the book is arranged chronologically. It is an excellent history of the school year, especially since there was no yearbook published that year.

Inventory:

One large scrapbook, 12x14.5 inches, consisting of about 30 sheets with clippings on the back and front, 60 pages. Most of the clippings are from the local newspaper, The Sea Coast Echo. Some are from the *Gulf Pine Catholic* and a few from the *Sun Herald*.

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Life Goes On

after

Hurricanes Katrina

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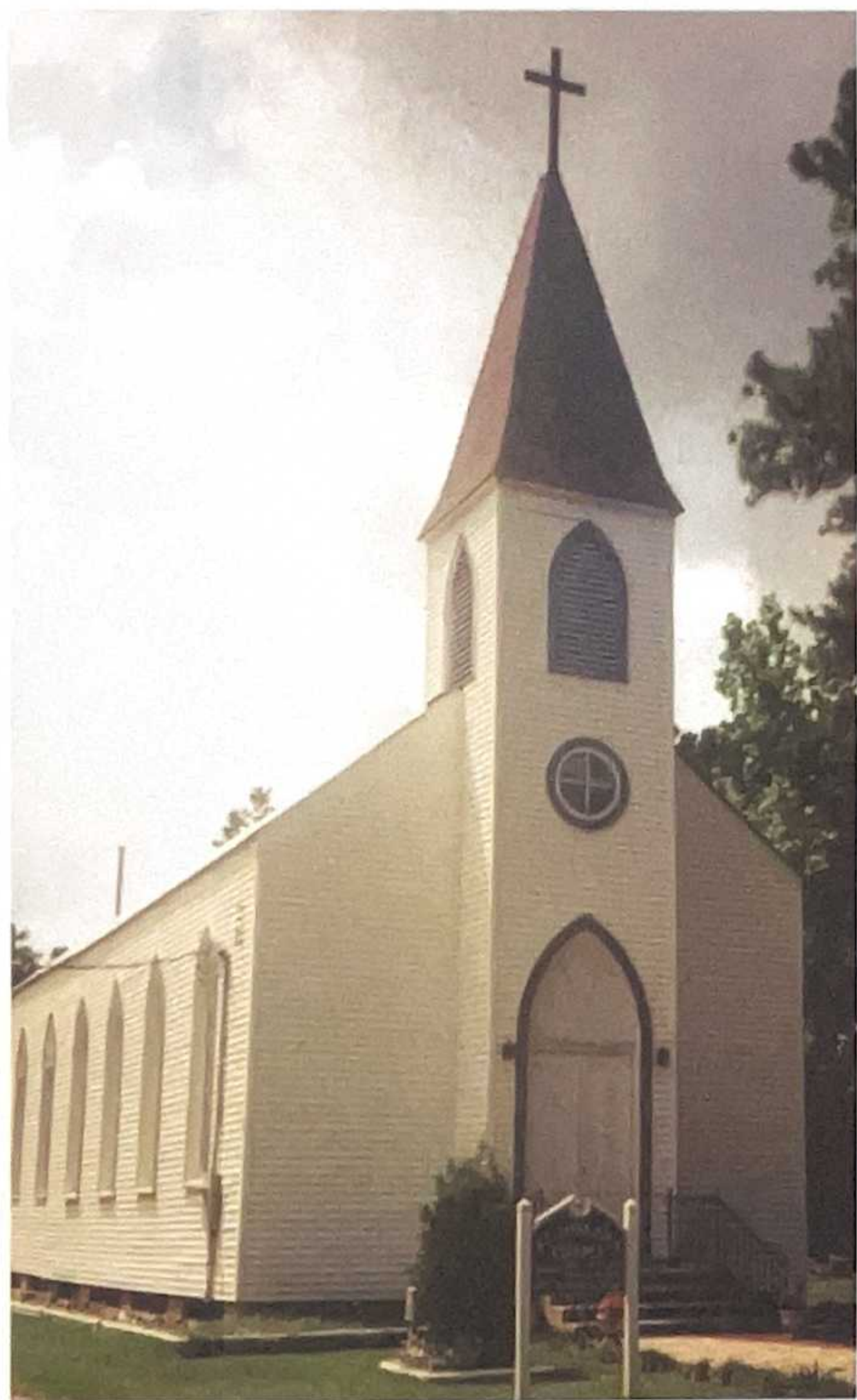


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WINTER/SPRING 2006

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM MISSION AMERICA

MISSION RECOVERY



LEFT: GULF PINE CATHOLIC; RIGHT: DAVID SULEY

St. Joseph Church (Bay St. Louis, Mississippi) before and after Hurricane Katrina.

“**K**atrina was the worst natural disaster in the history of our country,” said Bishop Thomas Rodi of Biloxi, surveying the devastation in south Mississippi with a visitor.

“Overnight, we lost ten parish churches and six schools. Ten other churches and four more schools sustained major damage.”

Up until now, he added, Hurricane Camille in 1969 was the benchmark—

a storm with 200-mile/hour winds. “But Camille was relatively compact. We never could have imagined a storm with a flood surge as high as 30 feet along the coast, from Lakeshore and Waveland in the west to Pascagoula in the east.”

We all know the tragedy from TV: the sunken homes, the debris-choked neighborhoods, people sobbing at the wreckage of their hopes. The fury of Hurricane Katrina, followed quickly by Rita, blew

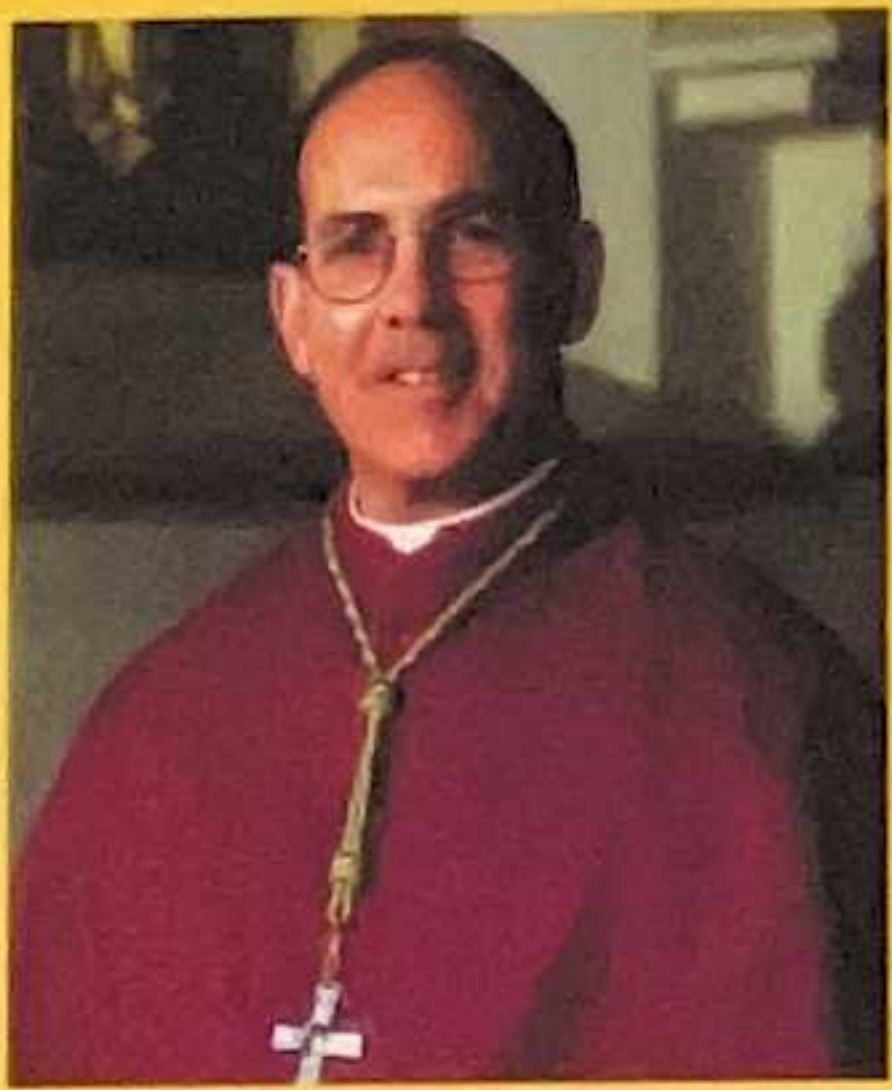
apart and washed away homes, businesses, churches, and schools. An estimated 1,300 people died in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and east Texas. Afterwards, observers with long memories compared the sodden Gulf Coast to the bombed-out remains of Berlin in the waning days of World War II.

The analogy is apt. War can transform your world in an instant, and so did Katrina. Nature, usually benign along the

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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DEAR FRIENDS,

The Home Missions Committee would like to share with you this special issue on the terrible devastation Hurricanes Katrina and Rita visited upon the mission Churches of the Gulf Coast. We focus especially on the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi, headed by Bishop Thomas Rodi, who is a member of our Committee.

As you will read, Biloxi suffered the greatest damage from the storms after New Orleans. It will take years for Bishop Rodi and the Catholics of southern Mississippi to rebuild, repair, and get back on their feet. At this writing, some parish congregations are meeting for Mass in tents or in friendly Protestant churches, because Katrina destroyed their own buildings or rendered them unusable.

As a matter of policy, the Committee on the Home Missions does not fund capital projects such as repairing churches and parish halls. We usually give grants for pastoral work—preaching God's Word, helping poor parishes keep their doors open, offering religious education, training ministers—that mission dioceses could not afford to offer without outside assistance.

However, the two hurricanes' assault was unprecedented, the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. We had to respond. The Committee maintains a modest reserve, enough to cover the next year's grant commitments. As reported elsewhere in this issue, we decided to give \$3 million from this reserve to the five Gulf Coast dioceses most affected by the storms. We sent \$900,000 to Bishop Rodi to help him deal with the tragedies described in our feature article. An even larger share went to New Orleans, and lesser shares to other dioceses in Louisiana and Texas.

As it is every year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up at the end of April. The Committee believes that American Catholics will respond generously. Katrina and Rita made us aware in a most frightening way that sometimes helping Catholic communities operate is not enough. Sometimes it is necessary to help them survive. With your help, we hope to be ready.

† Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Little Rock
Chairman, Committee on the Home Missions

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HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA

A Category-Four hurricane with sustained winds of up to 145 miles per hour, Hurricane Katrina was by far the single greatest natural disaster in 229 years of U.S. history. On the morning of Monday, August 29, 2005, Katrina hit the coasts of Louisiana and Mississippi. Ultimately, the cost was **1,300 lives** and counting, and the property destruction is estimated at **\$75 billion or more**.

Katrina delivered a crippling blow to New Orleans, where the levees failed in several places, and slimy mud and dirty water flooded most of the city. More than 100,000 residents, mostly poor and without adequate transportation, were trapped in their homes without food, water, or electricity.

Katrina smashed into the Gulf Coast with a storm surge as high as 30 feet; in some places, the water rolled seven miles inward. It devastated 70 miles of Mississippi's coastline and swept away or harmed over 65,000 homes. **The damage extended over an area the size of Great Britain.**

Three weeks after Katrina, Hurricane Rita hit farther to the west, causing close to \$9 billion in damage to homes, schools, and local businesses in Louisiana and Texas. Storm surges of 15 to 20 feet were again reported along coastal areas. In the hurricane's aftermath, roads were piled high with furniture, carpets, mattresses, and household goods.

An estimated **1.5 million people were displaced** by Katrina and Rita, a humanitarian crisis on a scale unseen in the United States since the Great Depression. How many uprooted families will return to the devastated areas is unknown.



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southern shore, turned monstrously violent, destroying the familiar and comfortable, leaving people dazed, disoriented, and comfortless. Bishop Rodi explained, "Right now, our entire community has suffered the loss of so much of our past. People have lost family members and friends; they have lost not only their own homes but their whole neighborhoods. It's like a death of someone close to us. But instead of being personal, it's everyone, the whole community."

Katrina was an unimaginable catastrophe that will echo in the nation's imagination for decades. The Gulf Coast, with its wonderful racial and ethnic mix, its colorful culture, its bayou geography, its aquatic cuisine, has been changed, probably forever. Some wards of New Orleans will never recover. The quaint towns along the Mississippi beaches will be rebuilt; but, bereft of their history, they will neither look nor feel the same.

Six months later a great deal of suffering remains, because people have lost not only houses but jobs. In the town of Pass Christian, only 200 houses remain

standing, and the local economy is at a standstill. Hundreds of thousands of people, many poor or near-poor, have been displaced from homes that had been in their families for generations. Those who had little before Katrina have even less now.

The Diocese of Biloxi, poor to begin with, suffered the common fate. The parishes alone sustained property damage upwards of \$70 million. It will take years to rebuild or replace the drowned churches and schools. Some may not be replaced at all. St. Joseph's in Bay St. Louis was a white clapboard structure, a classic small-town mission church. A sad photo now shows the front steps of St. Joseph's—leading nowhere. The building is not just damaged: it's gone, taken by wind and water.

The storm surge rushed seven miles up rivers and streams in some places. "We basically lost everything," said Deacon Bob and Miriam Jones. "The water was over our rooftop. But thank God we are okay." Deacon Ben and Mary Wimberly had about four feet of water in their home. "We lost our cars, most of our

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Creole, Louisiana)

furniture and appliances. During the hurricane, we stayed two hours in the attic with my 90-year-old mother-in-law, our son, and two dogs," said Deacon Ben.

Bishop Rodi insists that faith and perseverance will win out despite the devastation. The shape and direction of peoples' lives may have been altered, but not their will. Situated just blocks from the Gulf of Mexico, shell-shaped St. Michael's Parish was once a lovely place of worship. The walls held through the storms, but little survived inside the church when Katrina crashed ashore. The pews have vanished, and the bottom half of the tall stained glass windows are shattered remnants. Katrina even pushed aside the massive two-ton marble altar like a child's plaything.

Yet a crucifix still hangs in the shadows, presiding calmly over a tangle of exposed wiring, broken glass, and scattered mounds of muddy debris. **"Jesus is still with us,"** whispers Bishop Rodi. **"Mississippi will rise again."**

Special thanks to Shirley Henderson of the Gulf Pine Catholic newspaper for her help with our staff visit and this article.

SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS ADD UP TO *Hope*

STUDENTS LEAVE SHOES AT ALTAR

When the campus minister of the Newman Center at Alabama's Auburn University told his Catholic students after Mass about the great need hurricane victims had for shoes, about **200 students came up, left their shoes at the altar, and went home barefoot.**

WEDDING RING

At St. Lawrence, a poor inner-city parish in the Watts section of Los Angeles, a Hispanic woman slipped her gold wedding ring into the donation envelope for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. There was a note: **"For the victims of the hurricane. I have little money. But this ring should be of some value. It is given with all of my heart."**

SISTER DIOCESE IN SALTILLO, MEXICO

For more than 30 years, the Diocese of Biloxi has sent gifts of money to support a poor parish in the Diocese of Saltillo, Mexico—one mission assisting another. After Katrina hit, all the Saltillo parishes took up a special collection for their brothers and sisters in Mississippi, USA. **"The love which we have brought to them is now returning to us in this gesture of solidarity in our hour of need,"** said Biloxi's Bishop Thomas Rodi.

Committee on Home Missions Gives \$3 Million to Hurricane-Stricken Dioceses

The Committee on the Home Missions awarded \$3 million in special grant funds to the five U.S. mission dioceses most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These special grants were allocated as follows:

- \$1.2 million to the Archdiocese of New Orleans,
- \$900,000 to the Diocese of Biloxi (Mississippi), and
- \$300,000 each to the Dioceses of Houma-Thibodaux (Louisiana), Lake Charles (Louisiana), and Beaumont (Texas).

"The Catholic Home Mission Appeal is a concrete expression of the spirit of *communio* that binds together all the bishops of the United States," said Bishop J. Peter Sartain, chairman of the Committee, in a letter to the mission bishops of the affected dioceses. "Please accept this special award with their prayers and ours for a hopeful future."



St. Clare's Parish (Waveland, Mississippi)

IOWA PARISH CLUSTER SPONSORS DEVASTATED BILOXI CHURCH

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes in eastern Iowa form a parish cluster serving 550 families in several towns. The cluster not only donated \$20,000 from two fall festivals to St. Peter the Apostle Parish and School in Pascagoula, Mississippi, they also decided to adopt the church. The pastor of St. Peter's in Pascagoula, Fr. William Norvel, welcomed an initial team of seven after their 17-hour drive from Walker, Iowa. About 30 parishioners, singing hymns, formed a human chain to unload construction supplies, clothing, food, and gifts from an RV, a station wagon, and a pickup truck.

Katrina had totally destroyed St. Peter's Church, and Mass could no longer be held in the building. "A top priority was to complete the chapel in the convent and fix the roof of the rectory so week-day Mass could be celebrated there," said Fr. Norvel. During a busy week at St. Peter's, the Iowans cleaned the mud from the rectory and convent floors, sanded and painted drywall, hung cupboards, installed light fixtures, and laid floor tile.

The seven visitors felt a divine call to join in this mission. **"Each of us has his or her unique purpose. After sharing Jesus' message of love and doing physical labor, we all came back to our homes in Iowa with grateful hearts. For we had truly received more than what we gave. Isn't this what being Catholic really means?"** said Iowa parishioner Bud Miller.

The people of St. Peter's responded with heartfelt gratitude. "We deeply appreciated everything these seven parishioners did with us to rebuild our parish. They themselves were a most generous gift to us in our needs. They were—and still are—our angels from the North," said Beverly Duffy, a member of the parish council.

KATRINA LEFT CATHOLIC STUDENTS WITH “no nothing”

The school year began without a hitch in the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi. But several days into the semester, Katrina slammed into the coast. The hurricane totally destroyed five diocesan schools and caused major to severe damage to seven others.

Six feet of water crashed into the adjoining Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus Catholic High School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Just about everything was swept back into the Gulf. All student records were lost. All computers were destroyed. All books were water-logged. **“Half of the school has to be demolished.** We have no desks, no science equipment, no art supplies, no cafeteria, no nothing,” said Sr. Jackie Howard, principal of Our Lady Academy, immediately after the hurricane.

With the help of teachers, students, and parent volunteers, both Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus reopened, amazingly, within two months, using sections of both campuses. “Everyone in the Bay area saw this reopening as a sign of great hope and an attempt to return this devastated area to some semblance of normalcy,” said St. Stanislaus’s principal, Sacred Heart Brother Ronald Hingle.

Even so, these young high school students will remember Katrina for a long time. The hurricane severely impacted their homes, their families and friends, their local community, their emotional well-being, and even their faith. “It was like God just packed up his bags and left us,” said one student. Another student said, “I experienced a great sense of loss, and things will never be the same again, for us and the next generation.” Another young person commented, **“It made me realize what’s really important in life and to be thankful for what was left.”**

Special thanks to the following Our Lady Academy–St. Stanislaus High School students for this article: Don Haller, Erin Kergosien, Eric Lichtenstein, Buddy Schulz, Alyse Prieur, and Chelsi Potee. These wonderful young people give us hope for the future.

St. Clare Elementary School (Waveland, Mississippi).
School began in 19 tents donated by a benefactor from Alaska.

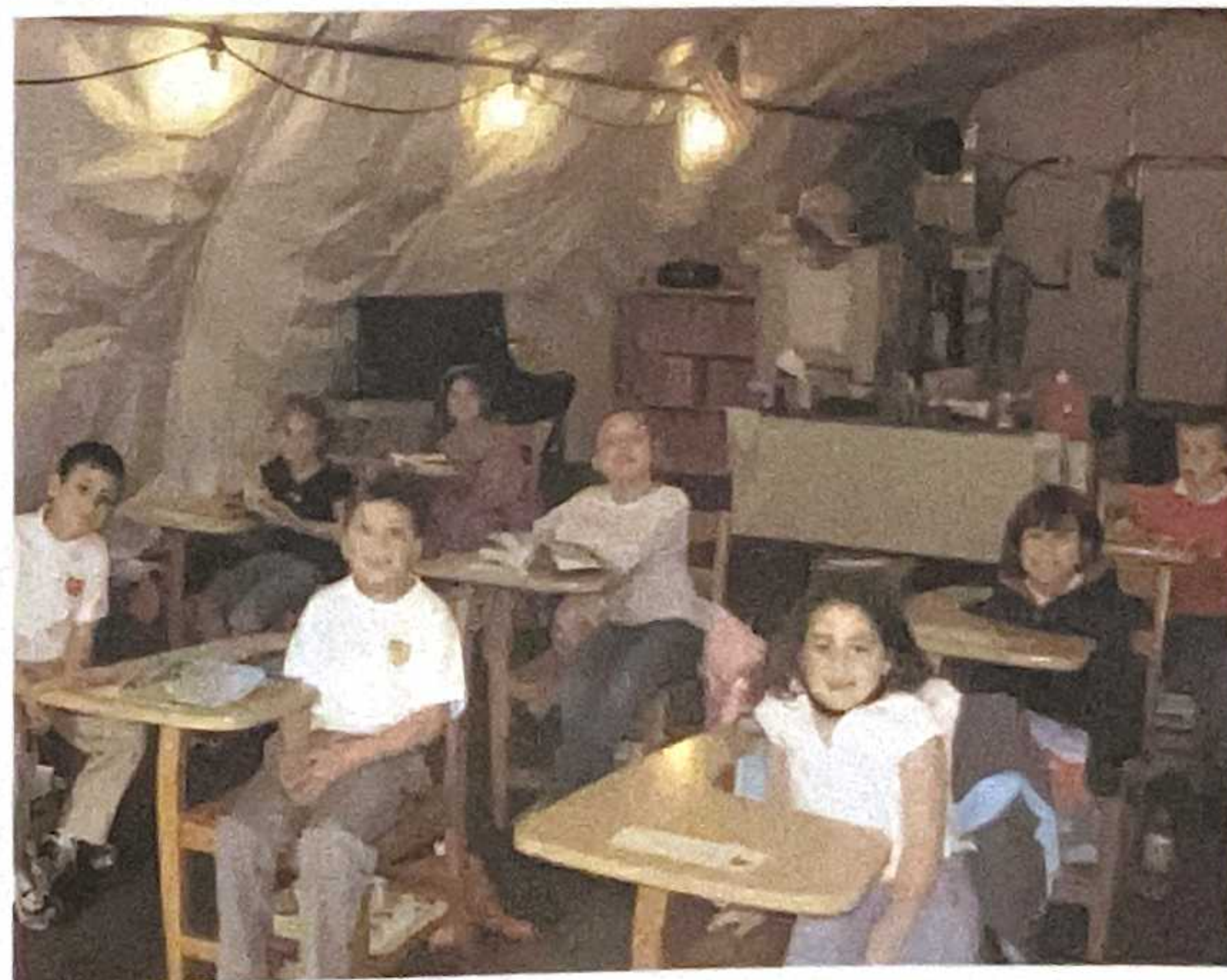
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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
APRIL 29-30, 2006

The Committee on the Home Missions distributes money that Catholics contribute to the annual **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** (CHMA). When Katrina and Rita struck, the Committee immediately donated \$3 million in special grants for hurricane relief to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Dioceses of Biloxi (Mississippi), Houma-Thibodaux (Louisiana), Lake Charles (Louisiana), and Beaumont (Texas).

This year, the CHMA will be taken up in parishes across the country on the **weekend of April 29-30**. As always, the proceeds will support pastoral services like religious education and training for ministry both along the Gulf Coast and in other parts of the United States where the Catholic Church struggles. The Appeal is a wonderful opportunity for American Catholics to be brothers and sisters to one another, to extend one another a helping hand.

Catholics in the mission dioceses—Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest, the Mountain West, and the young dioceses of the Caribbean and the Pacific—face serious challenges in living their faith. In the U.S. missions, priests and sisters are few, Catholic schools rare, distances between parishes great, poverty widespread, and financial resources scarce. Ninety U.S. dioceses, including Eastern Catholic Churches, are unable to provide the most basic services for their people without support from the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.



DAVID SULEY

Waveland couple survives Hurricane Katrina with 'international' flair

Editor's note: The following is the first in a continuing series of articles detailing the first-hand accounts of survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

By GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Before Hurricane Katrina actually struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, everyone knew it would be bad, but no one had comprehended the sheer force and ferocity of the killer storm. No one knew that its 150-mph winds carried with them an impenetrable 35-foot wall of water which demolished everything in its path, laying waste to all of Hancock County's coastal communities.

Although Mick and Adrienne Quinlan of Waveland may have preferred to evacuate before Katrina hit the Coast, as residency program supervisors at St. Stanislaus College, they were duty-bound to stay behind with the international boarding students who weren't able to return to their homes.

"We assure those parents when they drop their kids off in August that their children will be safe," Mick said.

And as far as anyone knew, they were.

Although St. Stanislaus is built like a fortress and was built to Hurricane Camille standards, most of the school's boarding students were evacuated by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the storm as a safety precaution. Still, 46 students - mostly from South America, Mexico and Korea, were unable to get back home and were forced to stay at the school along with the Quinlans and a handful of other faculty and staff.

Even so, Adrienne said, that happens during just about every major storm. The students move their mattresses to a room at the back of the school on the second floor and everyone waits around for the storm to pass.

"It's like a little slumber party," she said.

But Katrina broke up the party when its winds started howling by 4 a.m. on Monday.

"Every half-hour, or so," Mick said, "we saw the Gulf just slowly rising."

Just a couple of hours later, the cars "just started floating around like Tonka trucks," Mick said, "and started pounding into the building."

"At 9:30, my cell phone rings," Adrienne said. "It's Marissa and Susan," two members of the kitchen staff who had volunteered to stay through the hurricane.

"Susan tells me the water is rising in the cafeteria and they need help."

Debris carried by the rising water had blocked the doors, trapping the two women in the kitchen.



Mick and Adrienne Quinlan

Ronald Hingle, who took staff members J.P. Bromke and Nate Phillips to help rescue the stranded ladies.

"They took off on this series of connected walkways between the buildings," Adrienne said. "The men had to clear the debris, then go back across the walkways. The water at that point was about 25 feet above sea level. ... By the time they got everyone back to safety, the winds were in excess of 120 miles per hour. ... If someone had been swept off the walkway, they would have just been gone."

Just minutes later, Mick said, "The floor we were one was 35 feet above sea level, and you could see the waves crashing just below the windows. It was just wild, man."

"Water was coming up through the elevator shaft," Adrienne said. "If we had to, we were going to cram the 46 kids up into the attic."

Fortunately, she said, the eyewall passed and the water started flowing back out of the school.

"We thought, 'Thank God, it's over with,'" Adrienne said. Then we started smelling natural gas."

Mick and the other men went down to the chemistry lab, he said: "It took us about an hour, but we cut all those valves off - we could still smell the gas."

They traced the source of the smell to a gas main which had broken, but was still under water outside, with gas bubbling to the surface.

"Brother Joseph got a big ol' monkey wrench and went out into the storm," Adrienne said. "The cars were still moving (in the rushing tide) and debris was flying, but he went out there and felt down where that big valve was and cut off the gas leak. ... We thought for sure the building was going to blow up."

After the worst of the storm had passed, Bro. Ronald toured the grounds to assess the damage.

"In the gym," Mick said, "he saw fish and jellyfish swimming around. That made me smile."

By late Monday evening, it was obvious that everyone at the school had survived. Unfortunately, it was also obvious that the storm had claimed much of the food they had set aside to feed everyone in case they had become isolated.

Which of course, they were. Katrina had destroyed most of the coastal area of Hancock County.

"By Tuesday morning," Mick said, "we had enough food for one more meal."

That's when the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, the order which

operates St. Stanislaus, came to the rescue.

"We were finally able to get in touch with the brothers at the McGill-Toolan Institute," Mick said, a sister school in Alabama. "They put a plan together to send a charter bus from Mobile. Bro. Paul Mulligan charted a bus and it

showed up before noon on Tuesday."

The bus took the Quinlans, 15 of the brothers and the 46 students to safe haven in Mobile.

"The big problem at that point," Mick said, "was that all the paperwork for the international students was gone with the wind and the water - visas, etc., were destroyed. The students wouldn't be able to get back in their countries."

Eight of the students were going to various places in the U.S. to stay with family members, Adrienne said, so flight arrangements were made for them fairly easily the next day.

"Adrienne and Bro. Ronald went to Catholic High in Baton Rouge" with 38 of the students, Mick said, where the boys sheltered in the wrestling room, with supplies and services provided by the school parents' club.

"In the meantime, one of the kid's parents were friends with the Mexican Consulate," he said. "The Mexican Consulate flew from Mexico City to Houston when he heard we had 20 or so of his students, and drove to Baton Rouge. He worked

Mis: Quinlans

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all night and got all of the kids proper identification to travel with."

Then the Quinlans were able to contact the Korean Consulate, who it turns out was already in Baton Rouge, helping his countrymen who had been living in New Orleans and were seeking refuge after Katrina.

He helped the 14 Korean students get safe lodging with friends and family elsewhere in the states and overseas.

"It took awhile to get all the kids taken care of," Adrienne said, "but

the host families in Baton Rouge put us up like kings. The Quinlans are now back home in Waveland, cleaning up after the storm and hoping the next one passes them by."

More information and other disaster assistance programs is available at local FSA offices and online at: disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

Football season gets back under way

BY JOE GEX
Staff Writer

Hurricane Katrina scored first but she missed the extra point. The high school football season will resume for Bay High on Friday night with a district game against the Long Beach Bearcats at 7pm pending the decision on the curfew that is scheduled to begin at 8pm. Admission to the game is free and fans are encouraged to bring their own refreshments.

The Tigers (1-0) won

their first game of the season against Hancock the Friday before Katrina came ashore.

Bay High head coach Brenan Compretta has attempted to contact all the players in grades 7-12. Any players that have not had any contact with the Bay High coaching staff, please report to the Bay High football stadium as all football operations are being run at that site.

Brenan Compretta can be contacted at 228-216-0903, Jeff Hopgood at 228-305-0762, and

Jeremy Turcotte can be reached at 228-344-8010. The Hancock Hawks are planning to resume their season on September 30th which is one week from Friday. Any players that have not had contact from Hancock head coach Walt Esslinger, please contact him as soon as possible.

Pass Christian will travel to Poplarville for a 7 p.m. contest.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws have decided not to resume the football season due to the

devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. This season was the 90th season of football at the school. SSC is set to open back up as a day school on November 1st. OLA students will also share facilities with SSC at this time. Several local area students were displaced by the storm and have relocated to continue their football season and academic studies.

SSC defensive tackle J C Brignone has relocated to Atlanta and Parkview High School and is still a

top Division I recruit. SSC quarterback Lance Cuevas is playing football in Alabama at Acadia High School while tailback Josh Duplessis has transferred to Starkville Academy. SSC tight end Sylvester Twiggs, WR Josh Morgan, WR Jeremiah Morgan and DB Trevor Gex also have all relocated to continue school and sports.

In keeping with newspaper tradition, a player of the week for both offense and defense will continue to be selected

from the previous Friday night performance. This week both players of the week are selected from St. Stanislaus.

The Offensive Player of the Week is SSC RB Josh Duplessis. He tallied 245 all-purpose yards and scored twice in a 20-12 win over Wilkinson County. He rushed 18 times for 175 yards and had two catches for 70 yards.

The Defensive Player of the Week is DT J C Brignone who recorded 14 total tackles and two sacks.

SSC/OLA swimmers place at South State

OCTOBER 30, 2005

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy swim teams had hardly gotten underway when Hurricane Katrina hit on August 29th.

Despite school not being in session, the two teams have had makeshift practices to stay in shape and recently competed in the South State Championships last weekend in Laurel.

The Rocks scored 172 points to place fifth out of 15 teams competing while OLA tallied 117 points and finished eighth overall out of 15 teams.

Eight Rock-a-chaws and three Crescent swimmers qualified to swim in the state championship meet that was held on Saturday, October 29th in Cleveland.

Sherman Necaise qualified in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly events with two fourth place finishes to lead SSC in top five individual finishes.

All three relay teams for SSC advanced to the state championships and

finished in the top five at the meet. The 200-yard medley relay team of Kyle Dull, Evan Magers, Sherman Necaise and Reilly Bourgeois took fourth in the race. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Chris Necaise, Kevin Duvieilh, Dull and Sherman Necaise placed fourth.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Brent Murphy, Stephen Passman, Reilly Bourgeois and Chris Necaise placed fifth overall.

OLA was led by junior phenom Alyssa Walter who claimed top honors in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly events.

Walter, Madeline Loftus, Danielle Gargiulo and Lyda Murray took fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay event. They also placed sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay while Loftus competed in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle individual races.

Scoring details for the State Swimming

Championships held on Thursday's edition of the Saturday, October 29th newspaper. will be available in

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Local high school seniors named 2006 National Merit Semifinalists

The 2006 National Merit Semifinalists from South Mississippi were announced recently and are among the 16,000 semifinalists in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These high school seniors will continue to compete for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring.

Local students, listed by hometown: **Biloxi:** Manasa Reddy, Alisha Weston, Biloxi High; **Jane-Claire Baker,** Mercy Cross High. **Gulfport:** Stephen Crouch, Gulfport High; Stephen Dix, Harrison Central High; Toni Cruthirds, St. John High. **Kiln:** Cody Arceneaux, Hancock High. **Long Beach:** Charles Gautier, Long Beach High. **Ocean Springs:** Ryan Peresich, Ocean Springs High. **Pascagoula:** Donovan McMurr, Pascagoula High.

Our Lady Academy, St. Stanislaus

Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus recently announced each school has three students

named as semifinalists in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Our Lady Academy: Samantha Goodfellow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Goodfellow of Diamondhead; Laura Kergosien, daughter of Dr. and Dr. William Kergosien of Bay St. Louis; and Colleen O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt O'Brien of Bay St. Louis.

St. Stanislaus: Matthew Planchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Planchard of Pass Christian; Brad Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead; and Clayton Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tate of Diamondhead.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist level of the competition. Winners will be announced in early April.

Three semifinalists from each school is the largest number in 10 years and six from the two schools is the largest number anyone can remember, according to school officials.



DARIN OSWALD/SUN HERALD

Harrison Central High School celebrates as the Red Rebelette cross-country team wins the Division 8-5A championship on Saturday at East Central High School.

St. Stanislaus runner wins

By **BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF**
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Ocean Springs boys, girls claim cross-country title

HURLEY — Brad Reinhart felt the weight of an entire school on his back Saturday morning.

Competing for the first time since Hurricane Katrina ravaged much of his St. Stanislaus school, Reinhart overcame a storm-shortened season to take the boys' individual Region 8-4A cross-country championship on the campus of East Central High School.

Ocean Springs' boys and girls took the District VII meet's overall championship, while several schools also boasted strong individual performances.

Among those was Reinhart, who was just one of two Rockachaw runners competing in the meet.

"It's been tough," Reinhart said of training in the aftermath of Katrina. "The storm came up on us so fast, communication was difficult."

"I evacuated to Louisiana," Reinhart said. "When I got back, I made contact with my coach and he gave me a

workout plan. Training on my own was tough, but my focus was on this day. Being all-district was my main goal."

It took a team effort on the part of several young runners to help the Lady Hornets of East Central take the girls' 7-4A championship on their home course. Three East Central runners placed in the top seven to secure the victory, finishing seven points ahead of a strong D'Iberville squad with 33.

"It feels good (winning the title) after all the hard work we've put into it," said eighth-grader Mary Grace Stewart, who finished seventh. "We're proud. This gives us confidence."

"We're excited," said ninth-grader Mary Grafe, who paced her Lady Hornets team with a first-place individual finish. "This was a big shock. We

really didn't expect it."

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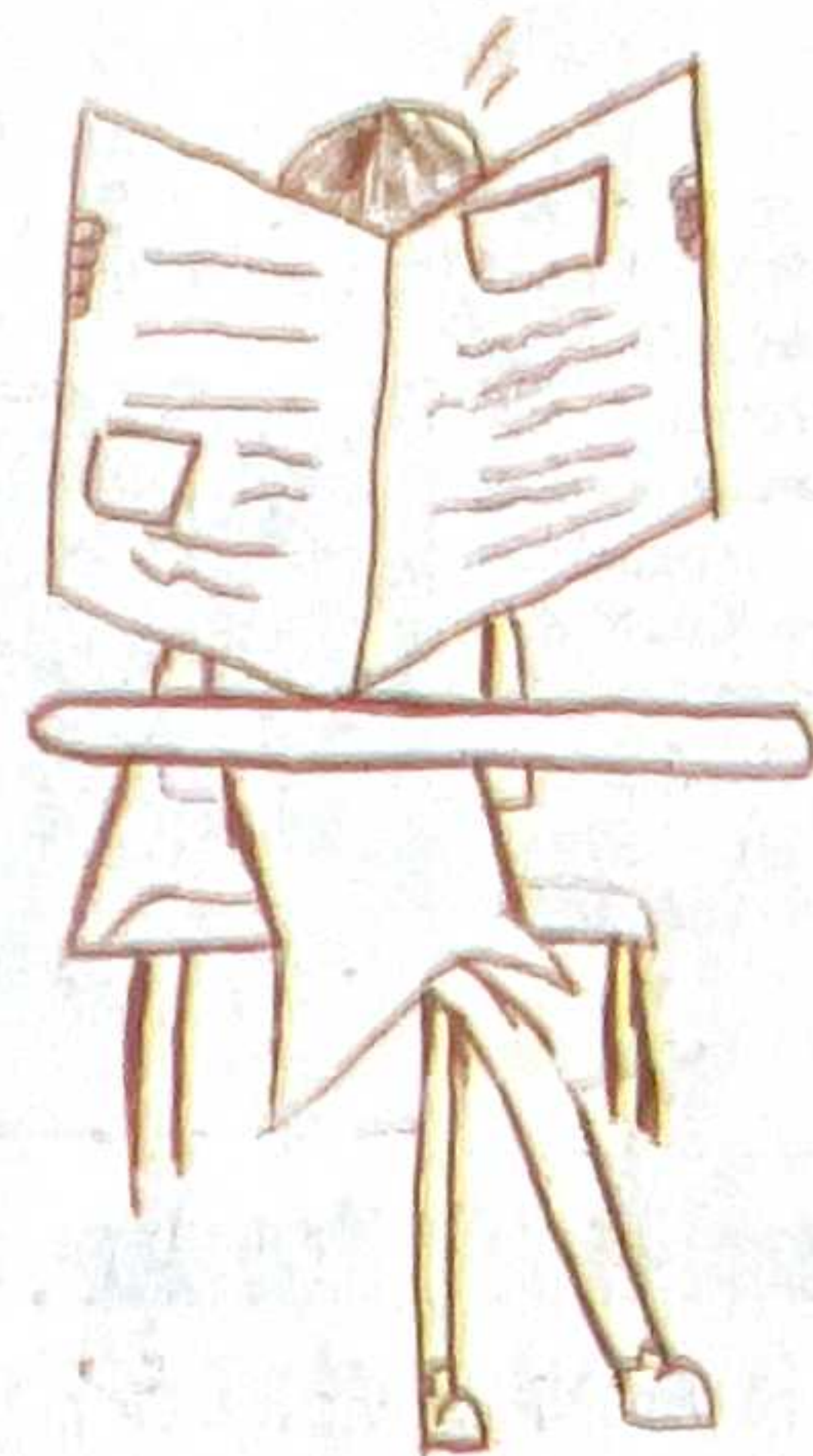
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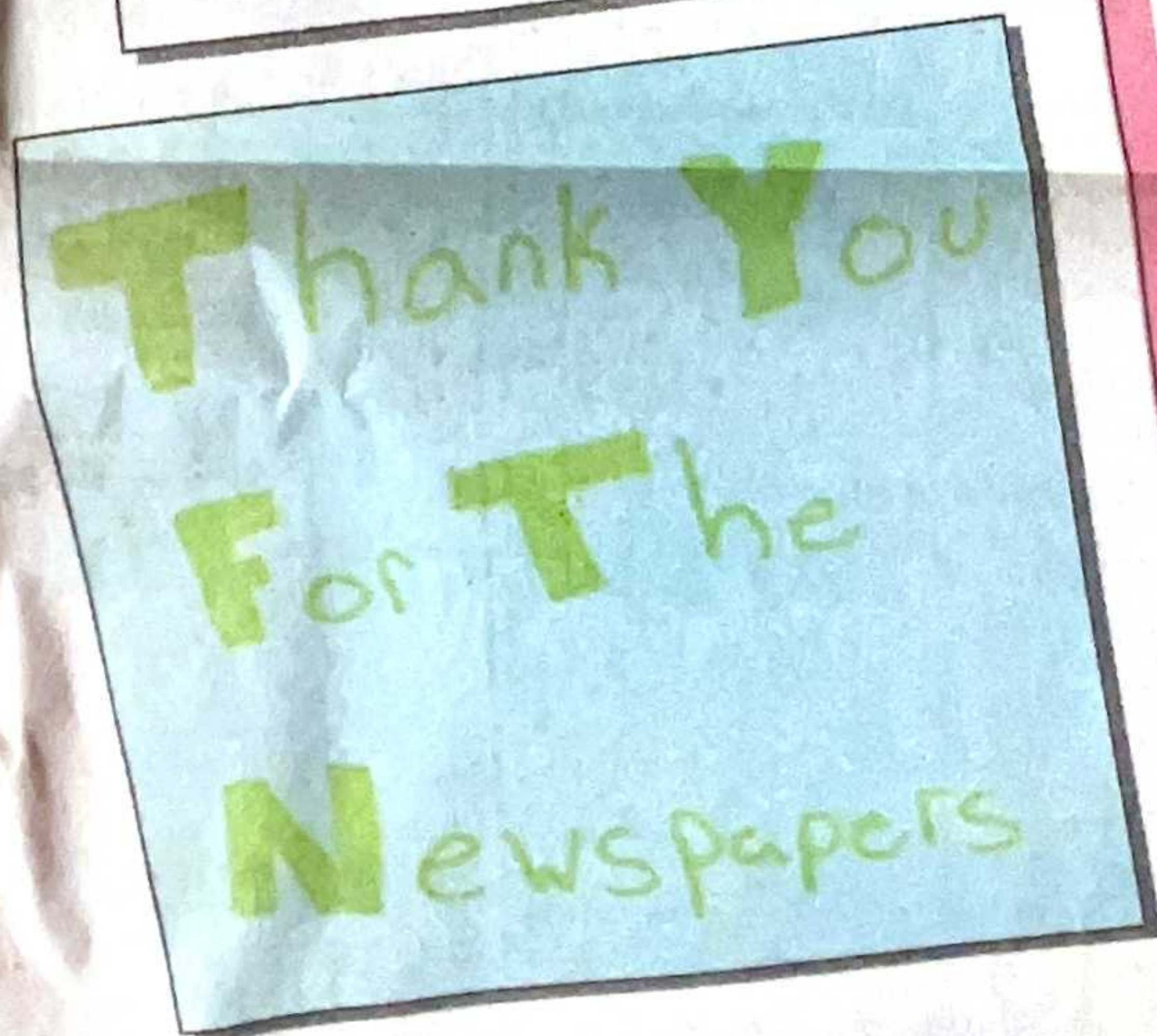
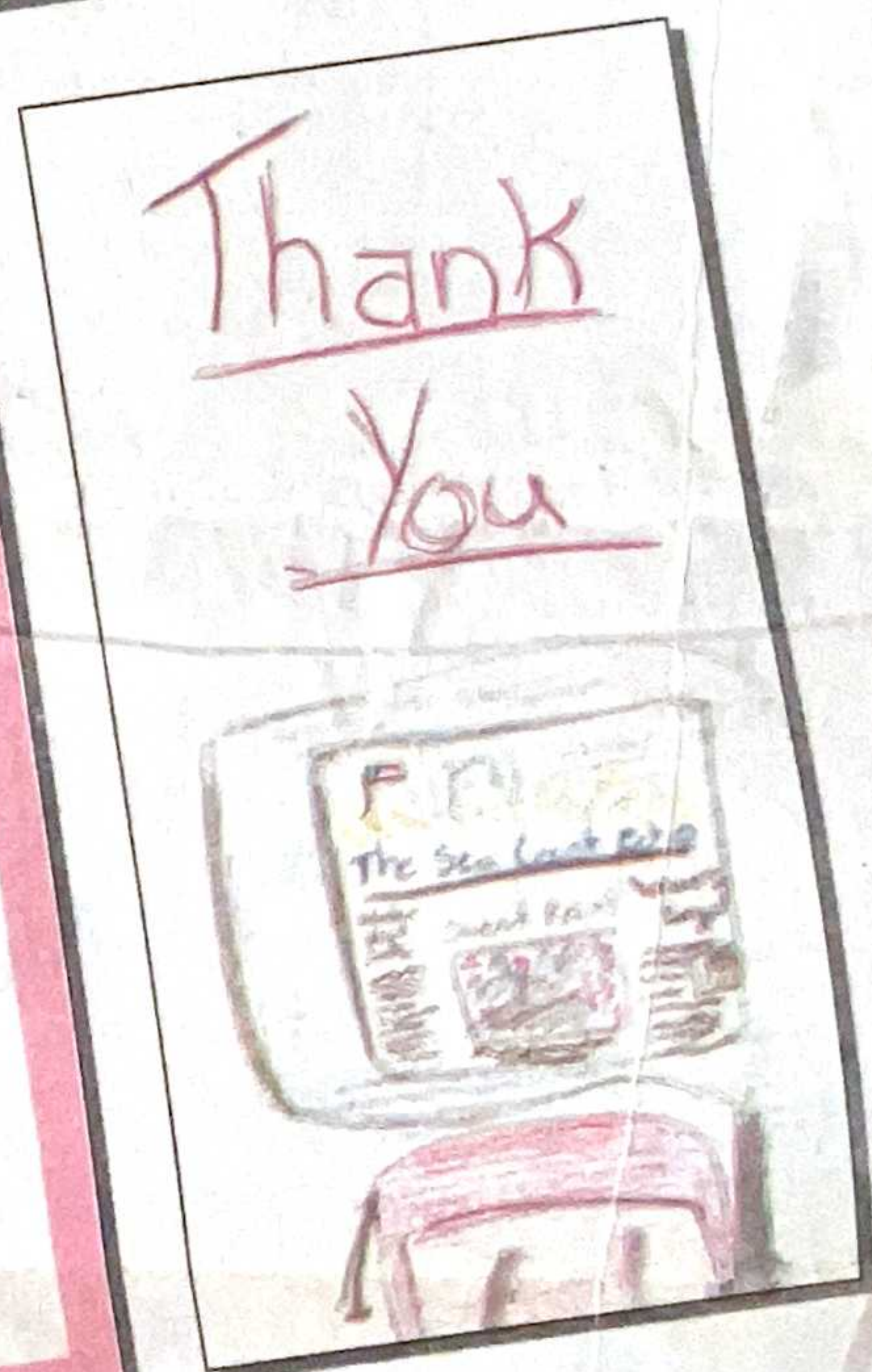
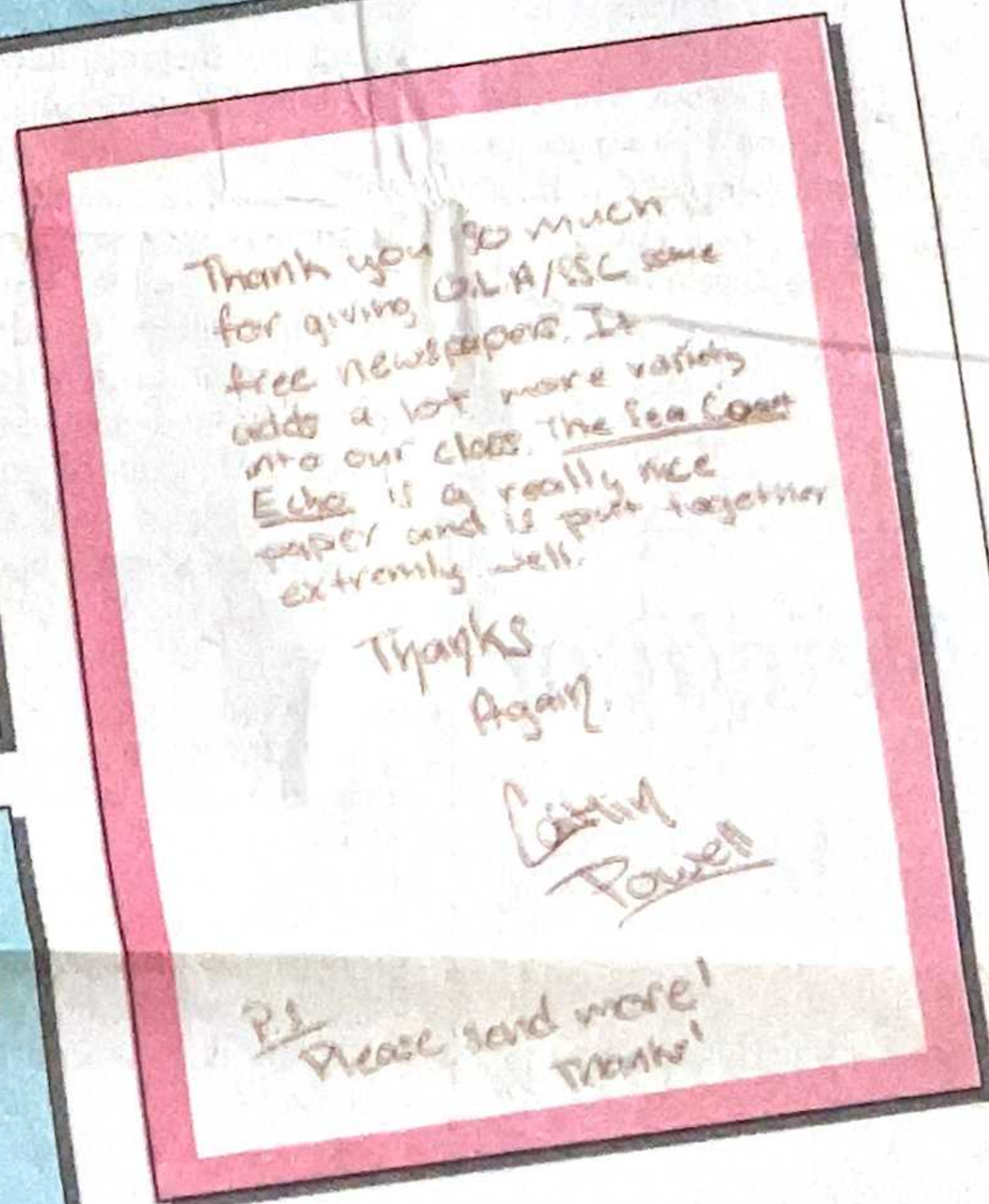
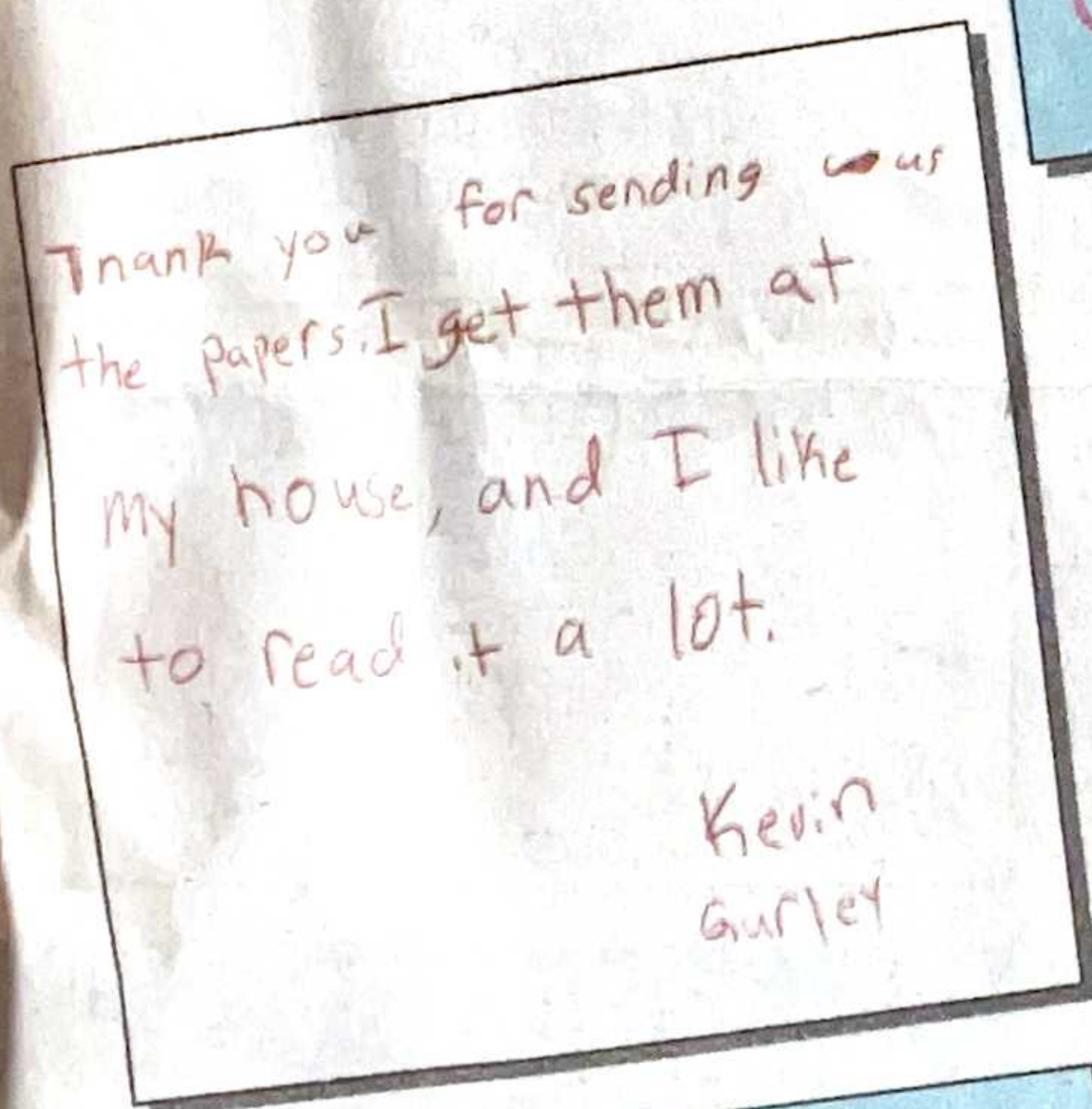
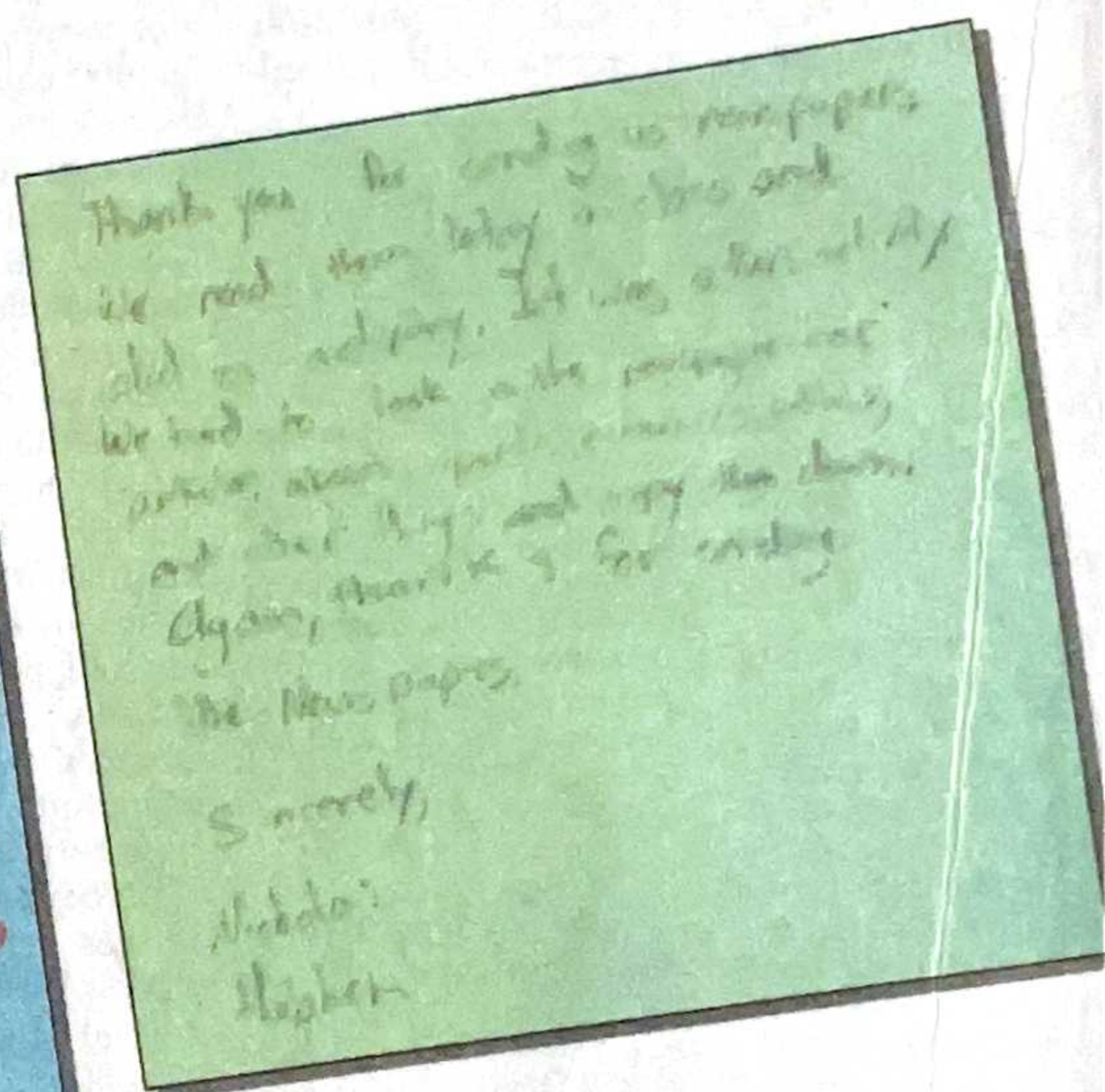
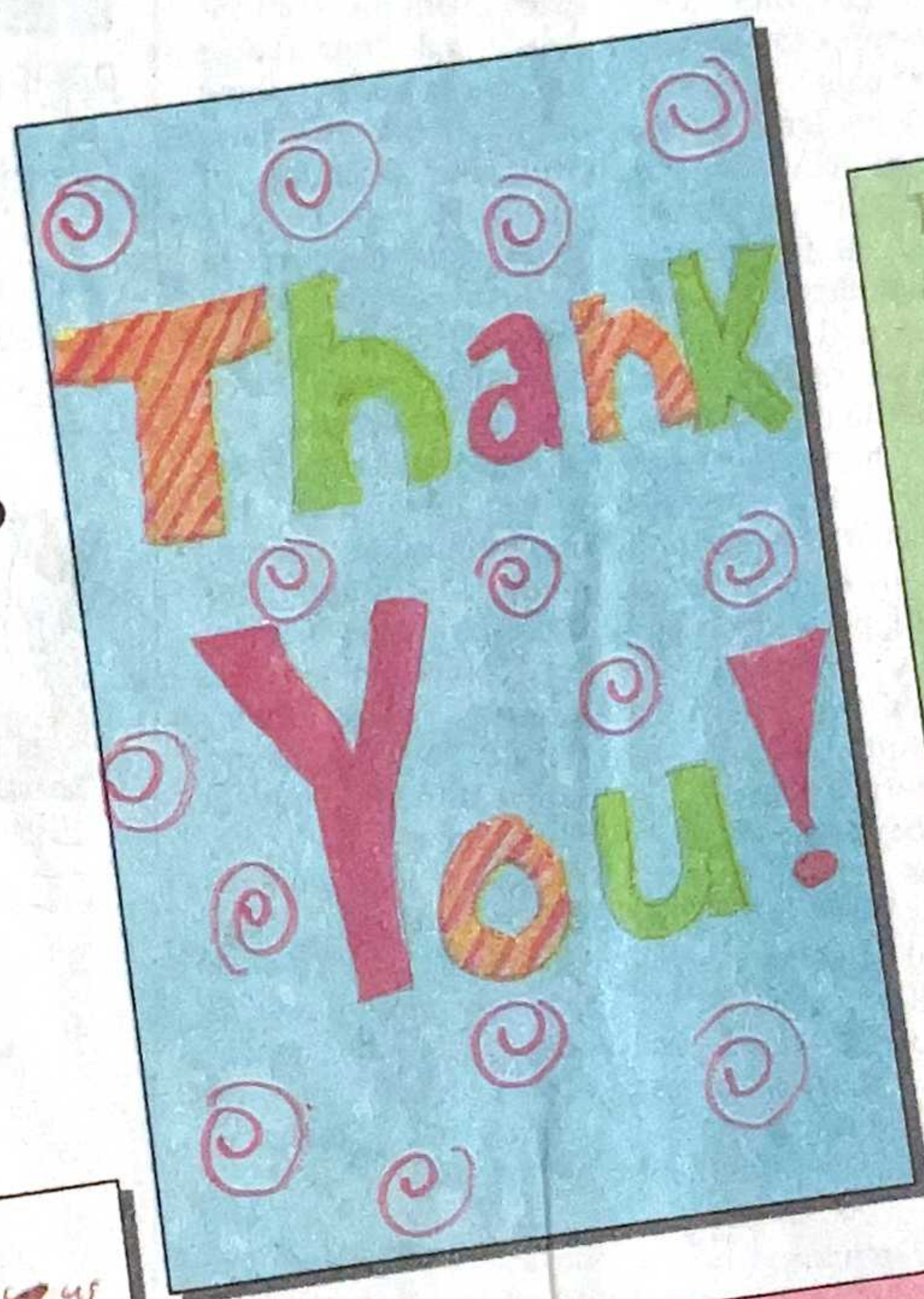
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They're the Rocks of Eagles' title run

SSC fate joins St. John fortune

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005

By DOUG BARBER

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GULFPORT — The excitement was palpable Wednesday afternoon at the St. John practice field.

The Eagles football team sits one win away from a second trip to Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, having to hurdle the top seed in Region 4 to make the Class 1A state championship game.

But the impact of St. John's success this season isn't limited to Gulfport and its Catholic community. Folks in Bay St. Louis and fans of St. Stanislaus are keenly interested in the outcome of Friday's South State title game against Mount

Please see **St. John, E-5**

Game plan

What: South State Class 1A championship game

Who: Mount Olive (13-0) vs. St. John (10-1)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Lumpkin-Magee Stadium in Long Beach

Radio: WAQY-FM (91.7)

St. John

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Olive.

And the reason is simple.

Six former St. Stanislaus players have contributed to the success of the Eagles in this post-Katrina world. Hurricane Katrina short-circuited St. Stanislaus' season after the Rockachaws beat Wilkinson County 20-12 on Aug. 26. The school was closed for two months and the rest of the Rocks' football schedule was canceled.

The six who now play for St. John are junior middle linebacker-wide receiver Eric Lichtenstein, senior cornerback-wide receiver Zach Elkins, junior linebacker-wide receiver Chad Boos, junior linebacker David Grapusa, junior offensive guard Sean Bentz and sophomore offensive tackle Phillip King.

"It feels like I've been playing with them for a long time," Lichtenstein said. "They've treated me great. When I came over, we got along really good."

"My house made it (through the storm). But I couldn't leave the house because of looters. I didn't know if I could come to St. John to play but we worked around it."

"We are going to try to win this thing. I think we have a good chance."

Elkins agreed that the transition has worked well. Elkins' home in Bay St. Louis took in four feet of water and his family lived in a trailer for a while after the storm.

"The guys are receptive and the coaches do a great job," Elkins said. "They let us know where we were and let the team know where we were."

"We had a good group of guys (at St. Stanislaus). Everyone went off and everyone has represented us well wherever they are. We think about them when we're out here."

Mount Olive defeated St. John in the first meeting of the season, a 28-6 victory at A.L. May Stadium in Perkinston.

But as the saying goes, that was then and this is now. St. John's new look features a spread offense orchestrated by quarterback Paul Roberts.

"They have a great team, a good offensive line," Elkins said. "But we are a different team than we were then. We never went four wide then."

"Now we run four wides and we have a wide-open offense. We are not conservative and we will go after them."

As if to punctuate SSC's contribution to the St. John cause, former Rockachaws offensive coordinator Stu Rayburn showed up to watch practice on Wednesday.

St. John roared into the 2002 Class 2A state championship game against Ackerman before losing 20-14.

The Eagles, including their new teammates, would love to make a second appearance at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium.

"I haven't been there. I've heard about it and I'm ready to see it," Elkins said.

Lichtenstein nodded his head in agreement.

The group of six started the 2005 season as Rockachaws but they plan to go to Jackson as Eagles.

Long Beach holds off Tigers 70-65; SSC places second in powerlifting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The Long Beach Bearcats (14-5, 6-1) held off a hard-charging group of Bay High Tigers (7-9, 3-4) on Tuesday, January 17th in Long Beach 70-65.

The Tigers were down by as much as 16 points in the fourth period before Bay High roared back to tie the score at 63-63 with 1:19 left in the game.

Bay High head coach Will Seymour stated, "The players gave everything they had tonight. We fell a little short in rebounding and free throws but they played very hard and that was evidenced by their comeback in the fourth period. We ran out of gas at the end of the game. It has been tough on these kids having to play all their games on the road but they have played very hard."

The Tigers were down 21-14 after the first period that was punctuated by Owen McNally's thunderous dunk with :41 second left in the period.

The Tigers went into the break down 33-24. Down 56-40 in the fourth period, the Tigers mounted a furious come-

back that resulted in the Tigers tying the game at 63-63 with less than 1:20 remaining.

Down the stretch, Bay High missed six free throws that allowed Long Beach to retain their slim lead.

Long Beach head coach Boo Hardy commented, "Will Seymour is doing a tremendous job with Bay High this season. We need to learn how to manage the clock better in situations like this."

Brent Robinson paced the Tigers with 16 points followed by Destin Johnson with 15 points and Jason Sims had 12 points. Greg Gardner led Long Beach with 28 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Owen McNally added 19 points and 19 rebounds in the win.

In the girls game, the Lady Bearcats (14-5, 5-2) defeated the Bay High Tigers (3-14, 2-4) 74-44. Susan Griffioen recorded her fifth triple-double of the season with 25 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocks. Bay High was led by Whitney Favre with 11 points.

In other Tuesday night basketball action, the

Picayune Maroon Tide narrowly escaped with a 54-48 win against the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. The Tide (16-2, 6-0) was led by Randy Perkins with 18 points. Mike Rice paced SSC (4-5, 1-2) with 16 points and Brandon Butler had 15 points.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws recently held a powerlifting meet at their new Blaize Fitness Center. Gulfport won the meet with 48 points followed by SSC, Harrison Central, D'Iberville and Vancleave.

The Rocks had three lifters win their weight division. Chris Tran, the only state medalist and champion in SSC history, won the 123-lb class with a total lift of 865 pounds.

Justin Felter claimed the 132-lb class with a total lift of 825 pounds. Caleb McQueen won the 275-lb class with a total lift of 1,455 pounds. McQueen's squat lift of 600 pounds was the best of the day while Buddy Schultz of SSC was second in the lift with 510 pounds.

McQueen also had the best bench press and deadlift of the day with

lifts of 335 pounds and 520 pounds, respectively.

SSC's Matt Matranga placed second in the 308-lb class and posted a deadlift of 500 pounds.

The regional competition will be held at SSC on February 11th with a time to be announced.

Hoops Fest 2006 will be held at Gulfport High School in the Bert Jenkins Gymnasium on Saturday, January 21st beginning with high school action at 11am. The Pass Christian Pirates will tangle with the Vancleave Bulldogs at 11am followed by the St. Stanislaus/Ocean Springs matchup at 12:30pm. The Hancock Lady Hawks will meet the Picayune Lady Maroon Tide at 3:30pm in a third matchup of the season between the two teams.

Hoops Fest 2006 is being held at Gulfport due to the damage at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum from Hurricane Katrina. The coliseum is the normal site for Hoops Fest. Scoring details of the games will be provided in Wednesday's edition of the Sea Coast Echo.

Sunday, October 30, 2005



DARIN OSWALD/SUN HERALD

Harrison Central High School celebrates as the Red Rebelette cross-country team wins the Division 8-5A championship on Saturday at East Central High School .

St. Stanislaus runner wins

By **BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF**
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HURLEY — Brad Reinhart felt the weight of an entire school on his back Saturday morning.

Competing for the first time since Hurricane Katrina ravaged much of his St. Stanislaus school, Reinhart overcame a storm-shortened season to take the boys' individual Region 8-4A cross-country championship on the campus of East Central High School.

Ocean Springs' boys and girls took the District VII meet's overall championship, while several schools also boasted strong individual performances.

Among those was Reinhart, who was just one of two Rockachaw runners competing in the meet.

"It's been tough," Reinhart said of training in the aftermath of Katrina. "The storm came up on us so fast, communication was difficult."

"I evacuated to Louisiana," Reinhart said. "When I got back, I made contact with my coach and he gave me a

Ocean Springs boys, girls claim cross-country title

workout plan. Training on my own was tough, but my focus was on this day. Being all-district was my main goal."

It took a team effort on the part of several young runners to help the Lady Hornets of East Central take the girls' 7-4A championship on their home course. Three East Central runners placed in the top seven to secure the victory, finishing seven points ahead of a strong D'Iberville squad with 33.

"It feels good (winning the title) after all the hard work we've put into it," said eighth-grader Mary Grace Stewart, who finished seventh. "We're proud. This gives us confidence."

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OLA, SSC reopen with larger than expected enrollments

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Our Lady Academy and Saint Stanislaus College reopened on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 with over 450 students from both schools attending classes in Bay Saint Louis for the first time since August 26.

Soon after Hurricane Katrina devastated the campuses of the neighboring Catholic high schools in Hancock County, school and diocesan officials met to determine how to best serve their student bodies for the remainder of the 2005-2006 academic year. Given the extent of the damage to both schools as well as the surrounding communities in which students lived, the decision was made to combine efforts and to operate as "two schools under one roof" for the remainder of the academic year. Katrina wrought massive damage on the administrative offices as well as the

library, dormitory, dining room, gymnasium, and band room at Saint Stanislaus; but the majority of the classrooms, which were located on the second floor of the school building, escaped major damage. The damage to Our Lady Academy's classrooms was extensive, but the recently constructed gymnasium and the OLA Commons area suffered less damage and were able to be repaired for the schools to use for lunch, gatherings, and athletics.

Early expectations of 200-300 students returning were soon cast aside as the number of registrants rose to well over 400 prior to opening day. On the first day back after Hurricane Katrina, over 450 SSC and OLA students gathered in the SSC Resource Center at the start of the day for an assembly and prayer service. Students were then given new schedules and attended classes. By

the end of the third week back, the schools' enrollment stood at 273 boys and 197 girls. That number includes several Saint Stanislaus resident students who are either commuting long distances (from as far away as Hattiesburg, MS and Covington, LA) or who made arrangements to stay with the families of day students in the area. Nearly 100 additional students have indicated their intention to return to school in January,

when the SSC dormitory is slated to reopen.

On the athletic front, the SSC and OLA soccer teams have both started their seasons, and Saint Stanislaus is preparing for an abbreviated basketball season beginning on Friday, December 9.

Saint Stanislaus College and Our Lady Academy are continuing a tradition of Catholic education in Bay Saint Louis that began over 150 years ago.

Local high school seniors named 2006 National Merit Semifinalists

The 2006 National Merit Semifinalists from South Mississippi were announced recently and are among the 16,000 semifinalists in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These high school seniors will continue to compete for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring.

Local students, listed by hometown: **Biloxi:** Manasa Reddy, Alisha Weston, Biloxi High; Jane-Claire Baker, Mercy Cross High. **Gulfport:** Stephen Crouch, Gulfport High; Stephen Dix, Harrison Central High; Toni Cruthirds, St. John High. **Kiln:** Cody Arceneaux, Hancock High. **Long Beach:** Charles Gautier, Long Beach High. **Ocean Springs:** Ryan Peresich, Ocean Springs High. **Pascagoula:** Donovan McMurr, Pascagoula High.

Our Lady Academy, St. Stanislaus

Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus recently announced each school has three students

named as semifinalists in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Our Lady Academy: Samantha Goodfellow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Goodfellow of Diamondhead; Laura Kergosien, daughter of Dr. and Dr. William Kergosien of Bay St. Louis; and Colleen O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt O'Brien of Bay St. Louis.

St. Stanislaus: Matthew Planchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Planchard of Pass Christian; Brad Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead; and Clayton Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tate of Diamondhead.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist level of the competition. Winners will be announced in early April.

Three semifinalists from each school is the largest number in 10 years and six from the two schools is the largest number anyone can remember, according to school officials.

St. Stanislaus sweeps two at Poplarville — Stephen Keel smashed a two-out home run in the bottom of the seventh to lift St. Stanislaus to a 8-7 victory over Forrest County at Pearl River Community College on Tuesday. He finished with four RBIs.

Keel had two hits, along with Tyler Henry, Dylan Drake and Brian Whitman. Henry and Whitman doubled, and Henry (2-0) picked two innings of scoreless relief for the victory.

SSC (4-0) also beat Stone 14-8, as Whitman picked up three hits, including a homer and a double. James Abraham also had three hits.

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Thursday, February 23, 2006



Brignone



Bailey



Nations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

3 Coast stars join 36 best

*Coach makes call
to 'whip Alabama'*

By JAMES JONES

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CLINTON — The annual Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Classic will have strong representation from South Mississippi.

Three area players were selected to play in the June 3 contest at Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium. The team was chosen Wednesday at the Mississippi Association of Coaches office in Clinton.

Moss Point cornerback C.J. Bailey, Pascagoula offensive tackle Andy Nations and St. Stanislaus defensive lineman J.C. Brignone were among the 36 players chosen.

One notable omission is Ocean Springs tight end Richard Dickson, who informed Greyhounds coach Steve Jones of his decision to skip the contest and enroll in summer school at LSU.

Oxford's Johnny Hill will coach Mississippi, which won 21-18 last year. Alabama leads the series 12-6.

"Our coaching staff spent a lot of time watching film since the Christmas break," Hill said. "We selected the 36 best kids to go to Mobile and whip Alabama. The kids we picked have great character."

Brignone, a Mississippi State signee, spent last season at Parkview, Ga., because Hurricane Katrina forced St. Stanislaus to cancel its football season.

Bailey, a Southern Miss signee, led Class 5A with eight interceptions.

The 6-foot-7, 330-pound Nations signed with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

MAC Executive Director Johnny Mims doesn't like schools recommending their players to skip postseason contests.

"Some of the colleges put a restriction on kids not to play in this game," Mims said. "Some kids think they're bigger than the game, where a lot of them would love to play in it."

The All-Star minicamp will be April 30 at Hinds

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9th grade SSC Rocks capture Mid-Coast Conference title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2006

Last month, the St. Stanislaus ninth grade basketball team captured the Mid Coast Conference Championship with a thrilling second half performance against St. Martin for a 46-20 win.

The Rocks defeated Forrest County in the first round and Stone County in the second round before claiming the title. This marks the second consecutive season that the Rocks have won the championship.

In the championship game, the Rocks were down 13-12 at halftime before turning up the defensive pressure and allowed only eight points in the second half.

SSC coach Kelton Thompson commented, "Following the storm, it was unclear if there was going to be a team because we did not have a gauge on what students were still in the area or were coming back. Plus, with all that has happened, we did not have the luxury of practice time like some of the other teams.

"For the most part, we did not start dribbling a ball until after January 3rd."

The Rocks' title win gave them a final record of 8-3. The team was a work in progress throughout the season due to the limited amount of time spent in practice



Mid-Coast Conference title champs, the ninth-grade St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. Pictured are: Coach Kelton Thompson with Marcus Johnson, William Acker, Brandon Cobb, Miles Ladner, Marlo Martinez, Ian Larson, Keith Marrerro and Bryan Lynch.

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Plus, the team only numbered seven players - Marcus Johnson, Bryan Lynch, Mario Martinez, Miles Ladner, Ian Larson, Brandon Cobb and Will Acker.

Thompson continued, "This team's effort and dedication was tremendous. Most of our first

eight games were played against other schools' junior varsity teams. They worked very hard and created chemistry in a short amount of time. That is why they ended up where they did. We have talked about all the history and momentos that we have lost at school due to the storm.

It feels really good to be able to put the first one back in the case. It means a lot to the program, the school and these players.

"I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished and the future of SSC basketball is very bright with this crew."

St. Stanislaus senior, his teacher honored

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Saint Stanislaus College senior Garrett Gros has been named the school's 2006 STAR Student in the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition Program. Gros named religion teacher Ken France, the teacher who has had the most influence on his high school educational career, as his STAR Teacher.

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Gros and France were honored by the Swayze Foundation at a luncheon in Jackson on April 7.

St. Clare Parish

Waveland

May 26, 2006

The following St. Clare parishioners are graduates of the Class of 2006: Hillary Pagano, Brad Reinhart, Courtenay Ginn, Garrett Gros, and Douglas Adams.

Colleen F. Bartholomew, of Waveland, graduated magna cum laude from Spring Hill College in Mobile, on May 14. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Theology and a minor in English.

While attending Spring Hill College, Bartholomew achieved Dean's list each semester. She was awarded membership to Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor society. In addition, she was a member of Who's Who Among American College Students and received the Catholic Youth Conference College Team Award.

Bartholomew participated in several alternative spring breaks during her four years at Spring Hill, working with Habitat for Humanity throughout the country and in the Mobile area. She participated in and led the bi-annual student retreat at Spring Hill College. She also participated in several school sponsored protest trips against the SOA in Georgia. She worked with Spring Hill campus ministry on liturgy planning and completed an internship with Saint Dominic's Parish in Mobile.

In August Bartholomew will begin a year of volunteer service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. She will be placed in Hartford, Connecticut working at St. Agnes Home, a residential center for pregnant and parenting adolescents. After a year of service she plans to pursue a graduate degree.

May 12, 2006

Gulf Pine Catholic

St. Rose de Lima Parish

Bay St. Louis May 26, 2006

There are only seven graduating seniors remaining at St. Rose de Lima Parish. Some of the seniors from that parish have relocated permanently in other states.

The graduating seniors will be recognized at a ceremony May 28, following the 9 a.m. Mass.

The graduates include: Brandon Butler (St. Stanislaus), Jason Lewis (St. Stanislaus, who will join the U. S. Marines), Lakasia Ducksworth (Our Lady Academy), Darlene Lee (Baker High School, Mobile), Jason Sims (Bay High), Jasmine Acker (Bay High), and Kirsten Kurka (Hancock High School).

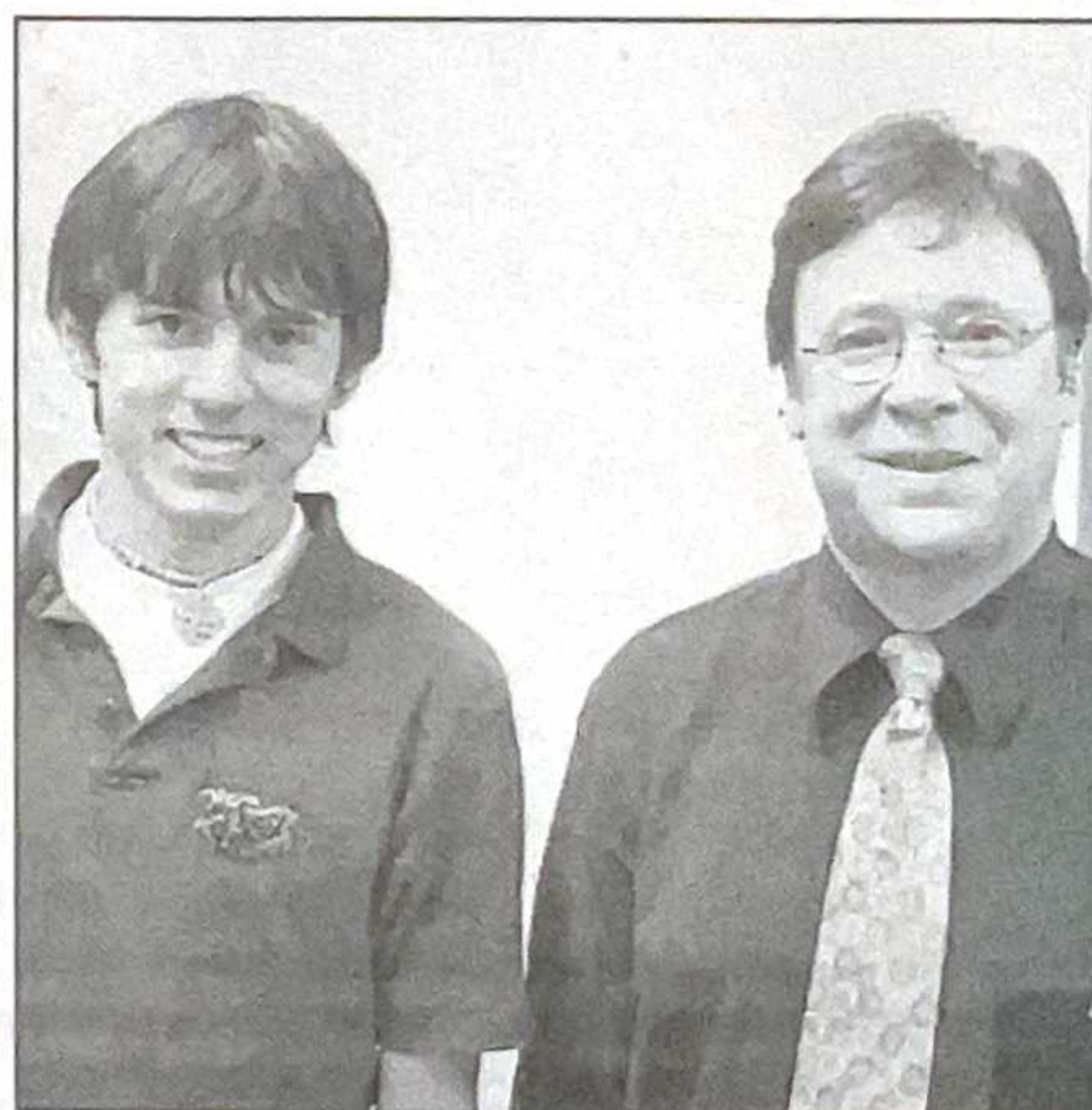
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Construction resumes on new SSC Band Hall

March 31, 2006

Construction resumed in March, 2006 on the new Saint Stanislaus College band room. The facility will both replace the band room that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and will serve as an interim dining facility for students.



BAY ST. LOUIS – St. Stanislaus recently resumed construction on a new band hall with a target completion date of August 2006. Work on the building had barely begin when Hurricane Katrina damaged or destroyed many of the school's facilities, including the band room and student dining room.

In response to the destruction wrought by Katrina, several changes have been made to the design of the building to enable it to meet a number of the school's needs. Individual music practice rooms will not be completed at first so that the larger band practice room can also be uti-

lized as a temporary student dining facility. Additional fixtures and equipment have been ordered to facilitate the placement of steam tables and coolers. Once a dedicated dining facility has been constructed, plans call for the practice rooms to be restored to the band hall.

The construction of the new band hall is made possible through the generosity of the school's alumni, parents and friends who have donated to the Capital Campaign for Character. Plans to construct a new facility for the school's music program were in place prior to the destruction of the band's temporary

home on August 29.

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, the band lost its music library, uniforms, and nearly all of its instruments.

Due largely to the efforts of Joseph Council, SSC band director before the storm, the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation has pledged to donate 100 instruments to help rebuild the band program at SSC.

The Mississippi Music Educator's Association is also donating 20 instruments in memory of legendary SSC band director Brother Romuald Robitaille.



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Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre will donate money to South Mississippi schools.

Favre, McNair to help athletics around Coast

By AL JONES

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BAY ST. LOUIS — NFL quarterbacks Brett Favre and Steve McNair are giving back to their roots seven months after Hurricane Katrina ripped through South Mississippi.

Favre, a future Hall of Famer, and McNair, leader of the Tennessee Titans, will present checks today to help local high school athletic programs in Harrison and Hancock counties offset losses from the massive storm.

All money presented will be through the Brett Favre Forward Foundation and the Steve McNair Foundation with matching money from the NFL.

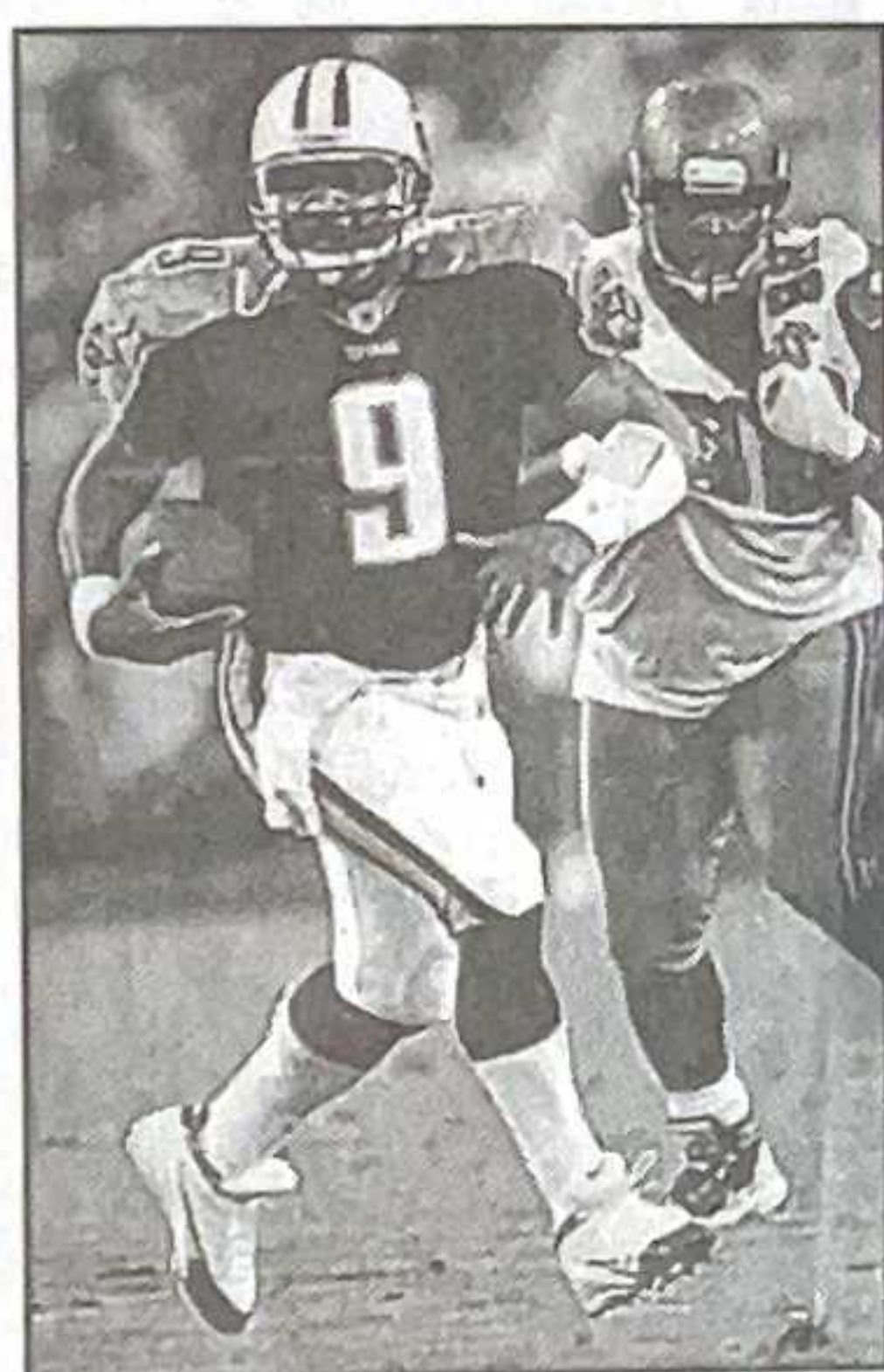
"We're coming down to present checks to some of the schools for the program," Deanna Favre said. "The money we had will be matched by the NFL Grant (Recipients). If we give \$5,000 to a school, the NFL will give \$5,000."

"We're giving money to Hancock County schools and to Mercy Cross because of Rocky (Gaudin)."

Gaudin is a former Hancock High football coach who now coaches at Mercy Cross in Biloxi. Gaudin is a personal family friend and coached with Brett's late father, Irvin Favre, at Hancock in the 1990s.

Beth Seymour of the Brett Favre Forward Foundation said local schools submitted applications to the foundations and the ones hardest hit by Katrina were selected.

Deanna Favre said Hancock County is the nation when



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Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair will donate money to South Mississippi schools through his McNair Foundation.

Foundation will donate checks to 15 schools for a total of \$50,000, the same amount being donated by the Favre Forward Foundation.

"Steve McNair is giving money to the schools in Harrison County," Deanna Favre said. "We're real excited to be able to help out. We're not making any money off this and every cent we have will go to the Katrina relief efforts."

Brett Favre's childhood home was severely damaged by Katrina and repairs are underway to restore the home on Rotten

Eatery in Bay St. Louis.

"The hurricane devastated us," Deanna Favre said. "It devastated our community and so many people we are close to. This is something that hit home and we're trying to figure out ways to help people."

"I can't imagine what some people are going through. It puts things in perspective."

Bay & HHS fall, Rocks beat L.B.

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (7-3, 2-1) defeated Long Beach 10-1 in a Division 8-4A contest on Tuesday night. The Rock-a-chaw bats were alive early and Tyler Henry scattered three hits on the mound for the win.

The Rocks jumped out early against Long Beach scoring four runs in the first inning. Brian Whitman smacked a two-run ground rule double

infield hit and Whitman advanced after being hit by the pitcher to juice the bases. James Abraham hit a two-run single followed by Kren's RBI single to make the score 9-0. SSC scored their final run in the sixth inning when Henry was sent home on a balk by the Long Beach pitcher. The balk made the score 10-0. The Bearcats avoided the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth when Brett Carter drove in Todd Powell for their lone run.

SSC head coach Mark Logan commented, "This was a big win for us. It was as complete a game as we have played. Tyler Henry threw well and our bats responded. Our

offense put the pressure on them. Long Beach has a very good team so our concern was not to let up. The players responded to the challenge of finishing the game strong."

Henry pitched a complete game and allowed just three hits. He struck out nine batters and picked off two runners. James Abraham led the team with three RBIs.

The Bay High Tigers fell 5-3 to the Poplarville Hornets in a Division 8-4A contest on Tuesday. The Tigers pounded out six hits but details of the scoring were not available. The Pascagoula Panthers defeated Hancock 11-1 on Tuesday night.

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SSC takes bronze in Class 4A powerlifting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus powerlifting team placed third in Class 4A at the state meet held at Madison Central High School on Saturday, April 8th.

For the first time in school history, the Rocks had multiple state champions with Chris Tran, Caleb McQueen and J.C. Brignone all claiming gold medals.

The diminutive Tran competed in the 114-pound division and lifted a total of 980 pounds. Tran

defended his 2005 state title and also has the distinction of being the school's first state medalist in powerlifting with his bronze medal performance in 2004.

McQueen lifted a total of 1,625 pounds while competing in the 275-pound division. McQueen is also a stand-out football player for the Rocks.

This is his first state title.

Brignone, a Mississippi State signee in football, claimed the state title in the 308-pound division with a

total lift of 1,615 pounds.

Pearl claimed the team state title with 36 points followed by Kosciusko with 36 points.

Pearl won the tie breaker. SSC tallied 29 points followed by Port Gibson with 22, Quitman

15, Pontotoc 15, Mendenhall 15, DeSoto Central 7 and Cleveland one point.

Further scoring details on the other five SSC lifters will be forthcoming.

Hounds edge Rebels

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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Patrick Kirkland drilled a game-winning, two-out, two-run double in the seventh inning Tuesday as Ocean Springs defeated George County 3-2 at Greyhound Field.

The victory for Ocean Springs (15-9, 8-5) sets up a showdown with George County for the Division 7-5A championship Thursday at 7 at Lucedale.

George County is 19-6 overall and 9-4 in division.

PREP ROUNDUP John Tosch (5-1) went the distance, scattering three hits while striking out six. Tosch also had two hits, including a double.

Wendell Fairley was the losing pitcher, giving up six hits and striking out eight.

Jerron Casey collected two hits for the Rebels.

St. Stanislaus 7, Picayune 0 — St. Stanislaus kept alive its hope of a Division 8-4A title, shutting out Picayune behind Tyler Henry's two-hitter. Henry (9-2) struck out nine.

SSC stands at 19-6 overall and 9-2 in division. The Rockachaws are tied for the division lead with Pearl River Central.

Andrew Lohnes took the loss for Picayune (9-15, 3-8).

Dylan Drake had two hits and two RBIs. Chase Kleinpeter added two hits while Henry had two RBIs.

The two teams meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at SSC.

Softball

Harrison Central 1,

Hancock 0 — Ana Aguirre threw a two-hitter as Harrison Central (20-7, 5-1) clinched the Division 8-5A championship. She struck out 10.

HCHS scored the winning run when Mary Cuevas tripled and came home on Ijah Hargrove's single to right in the fifth inning.

Harrison Central will host Natchez in the state playoffs on Saturday while Hancock travels to Warren Central.

Gulfport 7, Vancleave 4 — Presley Wesson struck out nine batters as Gulfport (8-14) defeated Vancleave. Kelly Burrell was the losing pitcher.

Katie Foster went 4-for-4 for Gulfport with three RBIs.

Oak Grove 5, George County 1 — Despite Tuesday's loss, George County will host Meridian in the first round of the 5A state playoffs Saturday.

Brittany Fields (14-8) took the loss while Ashlyn Williams got the win.

Kristie Chavers, Kaci Pribanic and Hanna Kittrell each had a double for George County. Kittrell had the lone RBI.

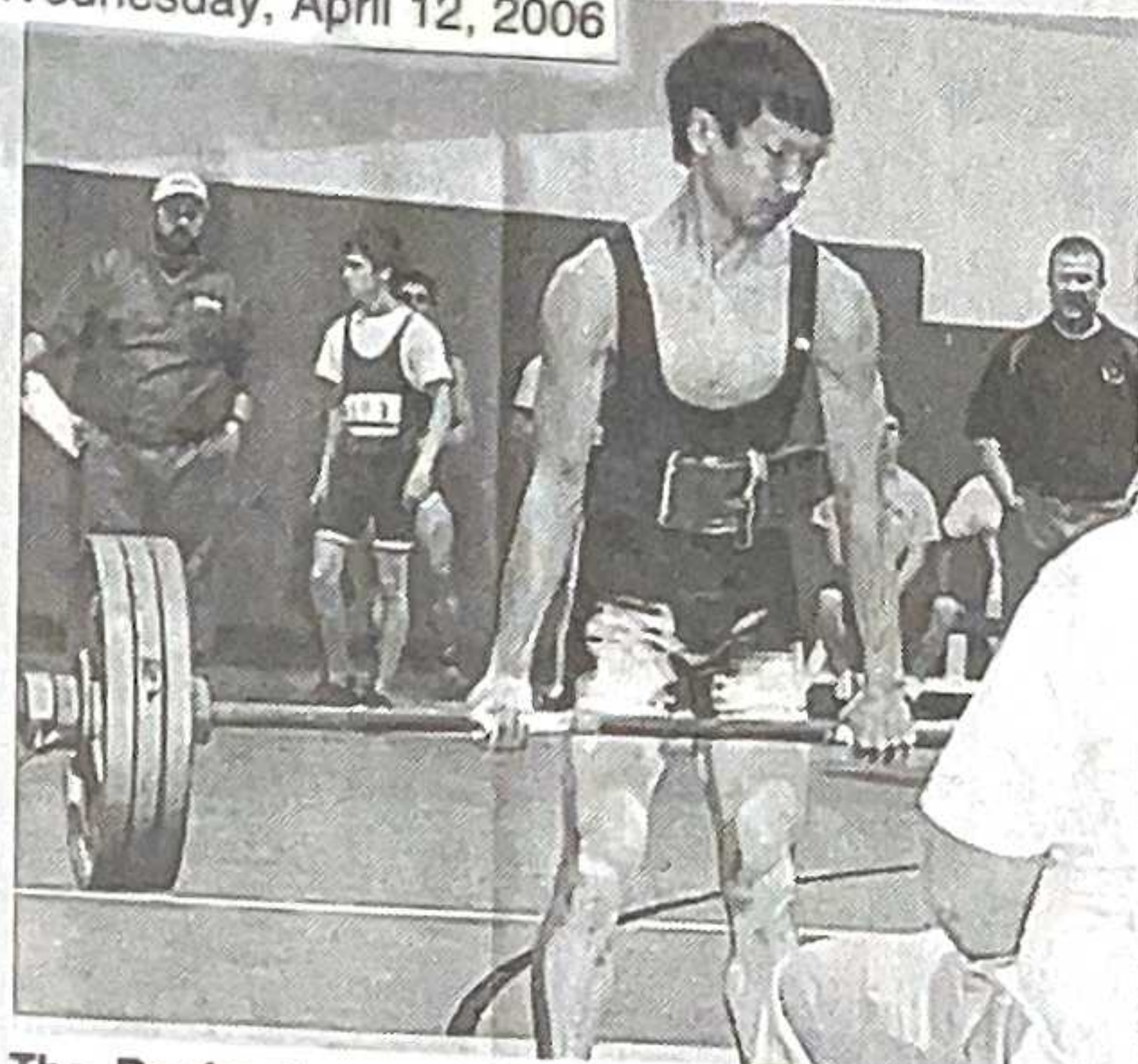
George County finished the regular season with a 16-8 record.

Tennis

St. John 5, Pass Christian 0 — Jonathan Guel defeated Nathan Boddie 6-1, 6-1 in boys singles and Katherine Lobrano won a three-setter over Sara Stevens in girls singles to lead St. John (6-5) to team victory over Pass Christian.

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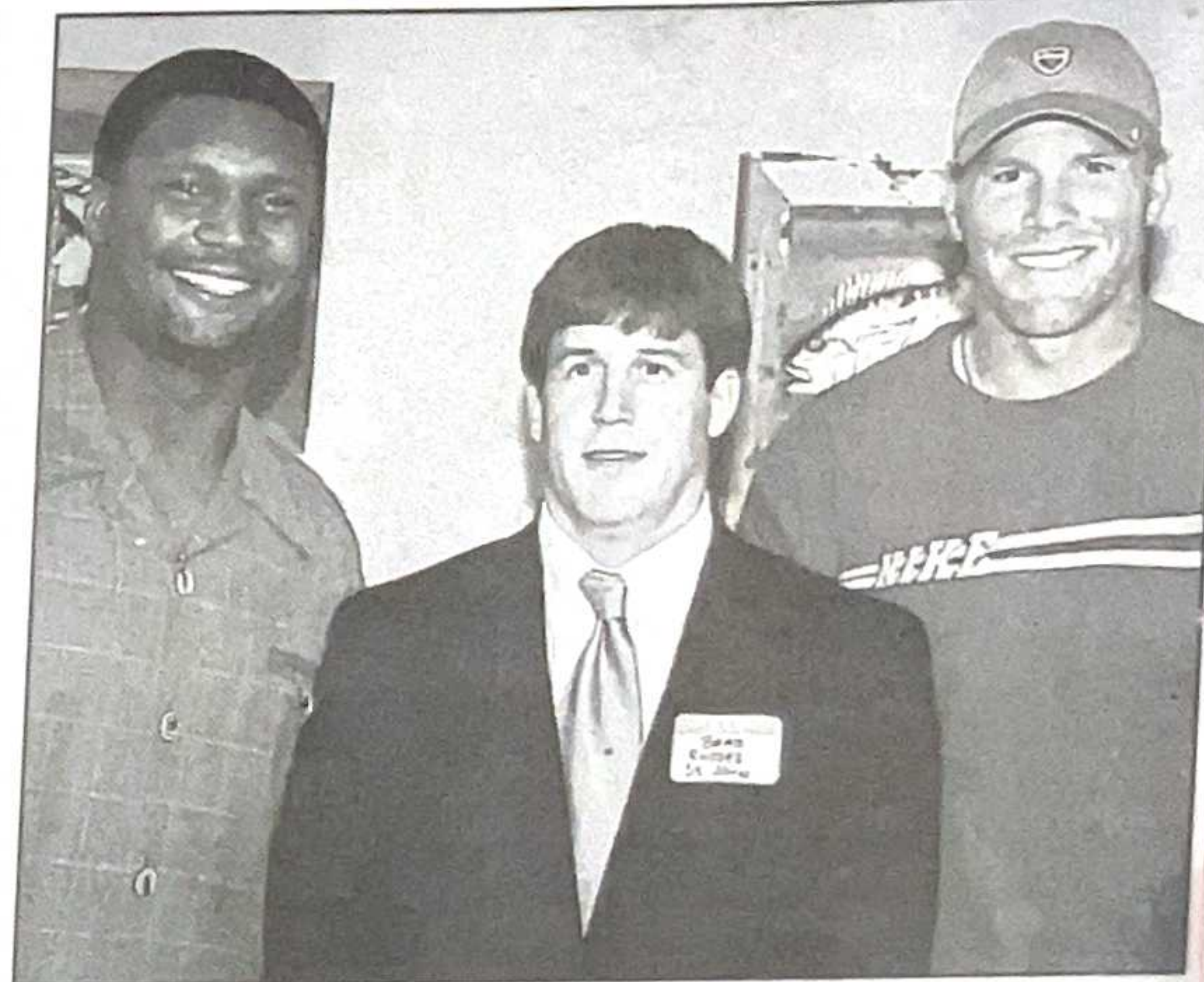
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The Rockachaw senior set four Class 4A state records and two all-time state records in the 114-pound weight class at the state powerlifting meet last Saturday. He set lift records of 380 pounds (squat), 185 pounds (bench), 415 pounds (deadlift) and 980 pounds (total). The squat and total are all-time records.

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Favre, McNair give \$150,000 for athletic programs



Steve McNair and Brett Favre flank representatives from three Catholic high schools -- above left, Rocky Gaudin of Mercy Cross High School, Biloxi; above, right, Brad Rhodes of St. John High School, Gulfport; and below, Casey ---, of St. Stanislaus, Bay St. Louis. the men received checks from the NFL players to help rebuild their schools' athletic programs. Photos/David Purdy

BAY ST. LOUIS – On March 30, during a reception at Trapani's Eatery, Brett Favre, a Kiln native and Green Bay Packer quarterback, and Steve McNair, of the Tennessee Titans, presented 20 checks totaling \$150,000 to help high school athletic programs in Mississippi. Mercy Cross High School, Biloxi; St. John High, Gulfport; and St. Stanislaus, Bay St. Louis were three of the many schools presented a check through the Brett Favre Forward Foundation and the Steve McNair Foundation with matching money from the NFL. Those schools each received \$10,000.

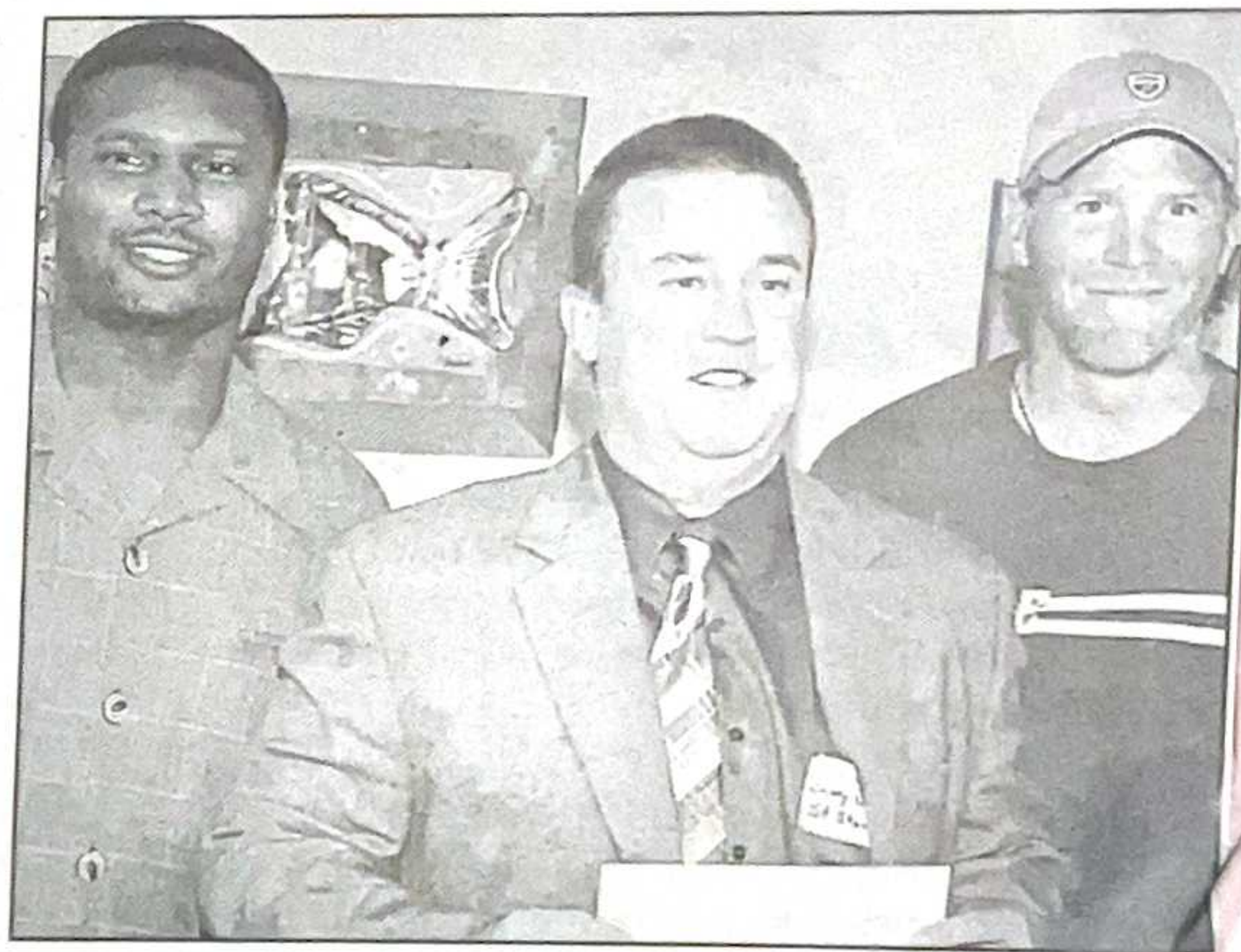
"The money we had will be matched by the NFL Grant (recipients). If we give \$5,000 to a school, the NFL will give \$5,000," Deanna Favre said.

According to a spokesperson for the Brett

Favre Forward Foundation, local schools submitted applications to the foundations and the ones hardest hit by Katrina were selected.

Individual grants ranged between \$1,500 and \$5,000 with the NFL matching funds up to \$5,000 to schools and nonprofit youth football organizations. The Brett Favre Fourward Foundation awarded checks to four schools and one youth league in Hancock County and Mercy Cross High in Biloxi; the Steve McNair Foundation contributed 15 checks for a total of \$50,000 to schools located in Laurel, Jones County, and Bassfield, down to the coast.

Both players' foundations also responded immediately following Katrina by sending 20 semi-trailers filled with baby formula, water, food and other supplies to the devastated area.



Electric co-ops host youth at leadership workshop

Fifty-eight high school juniors in Mississippi are better prepared for leadership roles in their schools and community after participating in the 20th annual Youth Leadership Workshop. The three-day workshop, held last month in Jackson, is sponsored by the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi.

Each student earned the trip to the workshop through a competitive selection process sponsored by his or her local electric power association.

During the workshop, students met their legislators, toured the state Capitol and participated in leadership-development activities. Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck and Sen. Tommy Robertson, of Moss Point, spoke to the student group during their visit to the Capitol.

Participating students and their sponsoring electric power associations are Elizabeth Lancaster and Ivy Price, Alcorn County EPA; Shelly Osborn and Stefanie Vamenta, Central EPA; Hayley Alexander, Martin McCoy and Stephen Passman, Coast EPA; Swathi Iyengar, Coast EPA/South Mississippi EPA; Erin Realini and Yuri McSwain, Dixie EPA; Kyle Dickerson and Haley Jo Wilson, East Mississippi EPA; Katherine Lee Curtis, Ebony Lions, Brittany Kinard and Wesley Rice, 4-County EPA; Virginia Thomas and Kristen Burnette, Magnolia EPA; Brittney Anderson and Matthew Archer, Natchez Trace EPA; Jamie Carroll and Heather Scott, North East Mississippi EPA; Ellie Bootman, Tanisha Brown, Heather Cosby, Chelsea Faulkenberry, Lauren Laster, Wilfreda Lindsey, Ali Reed, Tokela Smith, Kyle Taubken and Jill Tomlinson, Northcentral EPA; Amé Karoly and Sarah Mordica, Pearl River Valley EPA; Brittney Anne Davis and Bethany Pratt, Pontotoc EPA; Katie Acosta, Jenny Lucus and David Price, Singing River EPA; Lillian



Participants in the Youth Leadership Workshop visit the state Capitol.

Rogers, Jill Shoemake and Lauren Wallace, Southern Pine EPA; Hannah Southerland and Cody Wright, Southwest Mississippi EPA; Ben Floyd, Joshua Ratliff and Cathy Vinson, Tallahatchie Valley EPA; Kelsey Byrd, Paige Kennedy, Sarah Parker, Taylor Ridling, John Schlicht, Justin Sheffield and Blake Walters, Tombigee EPA; Chett Maranto and La'Toyia Slay, Twin County EPA; and Callie Golden and Ryan Hart, Yazoo Valley EPA.

Hayley Alexander was chosen Mississippi's delegate on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Leadership Council (see page 6).

Brittney Anderson was chosen as the TVA scholar student.

Stanislaus, OLA division champs

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Saturday, April 22, 2006

The combined St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy tennis team won its ninth consecutive Division 8-4A tennis championship Thursday at the Abbey Road Tennis Complex in Pass Christian.

SSC/OLA amassed 14 points and Bay High was second with seven.

SSC/OLA won four of the five events: boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, and girls doubles.

St. Stanislaus freshman Henderson Hewes won the boys singles title with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Long Beach 6-2, 6-1 and a 6-1, 6-1 win over Picayune in the finals. OLA sophomore Meagan Terrell won the girls singles title. OLA sophomore Victoria Rafferty and junior Amanda Meyers won the girls doubles title. SSC junior Joel Gregory and sophomore Josh Ellis won the boys doubles title.

The SSC/OLA mixed doubles team of eighth grader Charlie Pritchard and freshman Lizzie Milner finished second to Bay High.

Strong arms lead top seeds in 4A playoffs

SSC 1-2 punch is Rock solid

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

By LARRY HOLDER

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Double-elimination postseason tournaments wreak havoc on a high school baseball team's pitching staff, especially in the opening round.

That's the dilemma teams from Class 4A through Class 1A will be facing as they start the baseball playoffs today.

Teams with a solid 1-2 punch stand a much better chance at advancing through the four-team mini-tournament than those teams relying on offense.

The old axiom "good pitching always beats good hitting" usually comes to fruition come playoff time.

So it should be no surprise the South Mississippi squads seeded either first or second in their respective mini tournaments all bring with them stellar staffs.

A team like Division 8-4A runner-up St. Stanislaus can throw Tyler Henry and Chase Kleinpeter at opponents and stand as good a chance as any team to move on. The Rockchaws open up with Brookhaven at 4 p.m. today prior to the Lawrence County-Poplarville matchup.

Henry, a Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College commitment, and Kleinpeter hold a combined 15-5 record and have fanned 173 batters, which by far leads any South Mississippi school. Both also allow around

Please see **Baseball, D-5**

Students representing Coast Electric win honors at Youth Leadership Workshop

Four area high school juniors — Swathi Iyengar of Mercy Cross High School, Stephen Passman of St. Stanislaus, and Hayley Alexander and Martin McCoy of Long Beach High School — represented Coast Electric Power Association at a state-wide youth leadership workshop in Jackson, March 1-3.

In addition to representing Coast Electric, Iyengar was co-sponsored by South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) in Hattiesburg. SMEPA provides power generation and transmission services for Coast Electric and 11 other electric cooperatives throughout Mississippi.

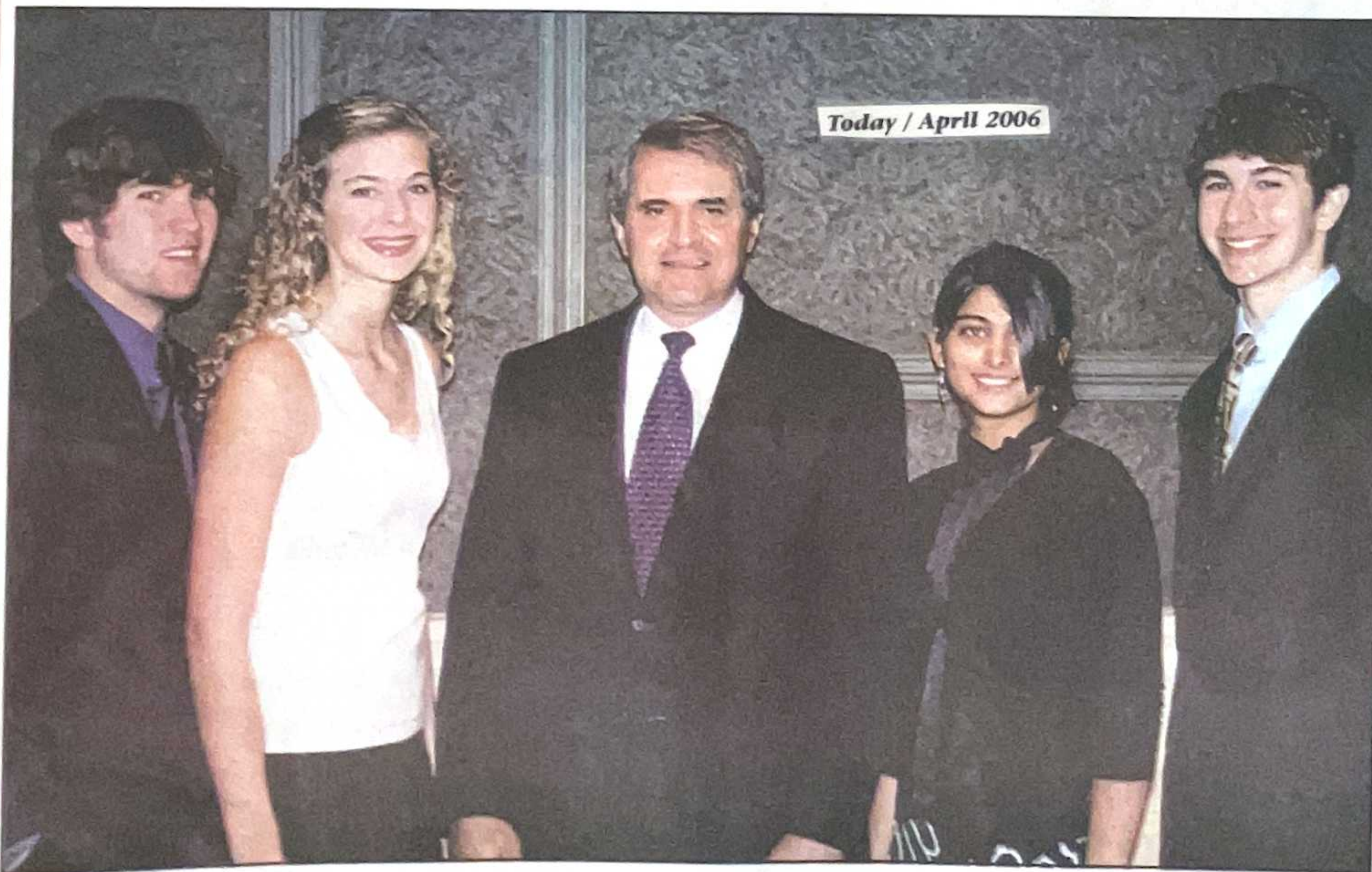
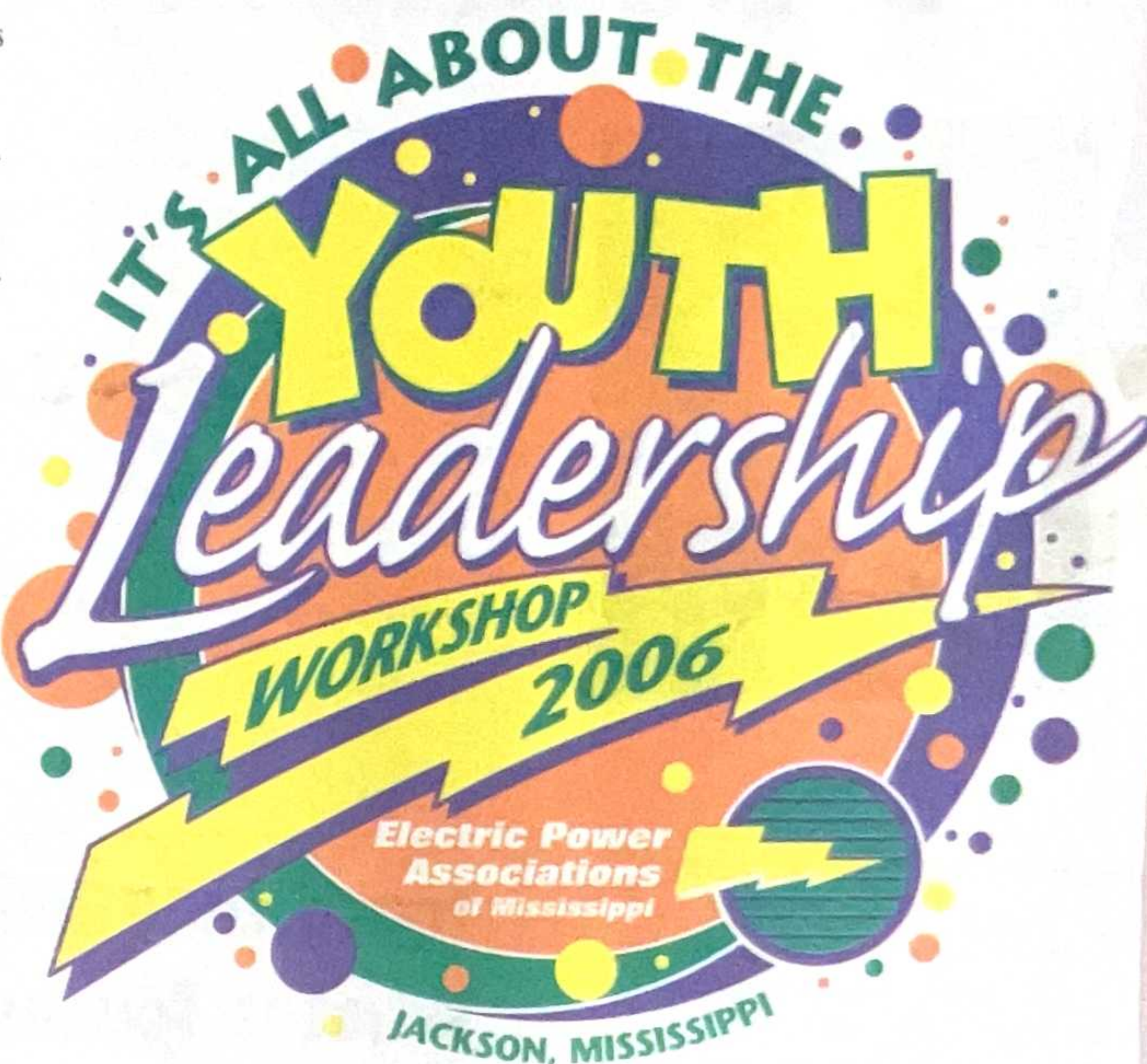
During the three-day workshop, 11 standout students — including Coast Electric students Alexander and Passman — were selected to participate in interviews with a judging panel. Based on their interviews and the leadership skills demonstrated throughout the workshop, one student was chosen by the judges to represent the state of Mississippi at two national workshops in Washington, D.C., this summer and then again at a national

conference in Las Vegas. This year, judges chose Coast Electric representative and Long Beach High School student Alexander out of 58 exceptional students to represent the state of Mississippi.

Alexander, along with Iyengar and Passman, also won spirit awards after participating in a challenge course.

"Coast Electric is always pleased to support the communities we serve with programs like the youth leadership conferences," said Coast Electric Executive Vice President and General Manager Robert Occhi. "The students representing Coast Electric are outstanding leaders in their schools. We are pleased to sponsor each of them and are especially proud to have Hayley represent her electric cooperative and the state of Mississippi."

Although Alexander will be representing Mississippi as the state winner in the upcoming Washington, D.C., trip all four students will attend the conference. Students will have the opportunity to meet with Mississippi's legislators and tour the nation's Capitol and historical landmarks.



Today / April 2006

Four area students recently represented Coast Electric in a youth leadership workshop in Jackson. The students had the opportunity to learn more about the cooperative way of business, meet state legislators and develop their leadership skills. The students will also travel to Washington, D.C. this June. From left to right: Students Martin McCoy, Hayley Alexander, Coast Electric Executive Vice President and General Manager Robert Occhi, students Swathi Iyengar and Stephen Passman.

Four juniors will represent Coast Electric in Washington

Four high school juniors were recently selected to represent Coast Electric Power Association in the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi Youth Leadership workshop in Jackson in March and in the National Youth Leadership conference in Washington, D.C., this summer.



Alexander



Iyengar



McCoy



Passman

In addition to representing Coast Electric, Iyengar is being co-sponsored by South Mississippi Electric Power Association in Hattiesburg. SMEPA provides power generation and transmission services for Coast Electric

and 11 other electric cooperatives throughout Mississippi.

While visiting Jackson this spring, the students will spend time learning about electric cooperatives, participating in leadership workshops and meeting state legislators. During their time in Washington, students will have the opportunity to visit many of our nation's historic landmarks and meet with Mississippi's representatives and senators.

"We are very excited about

the students who are representing Coast Electric this year," said member and Community Relations Representative Ida Macuick. "This program not only teaches students about the cooperative way of doing business, it also allows these outstanding students to further develop their skills as leaders."

Macuick is the Youth Leadership program coordinator for Coast Electric and accompanies the students on the trips to Jackson and Washington.

Saint Stanislaus College names new president, principal for '06-'07

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

THE ECHO

The Saint Stanislaus College Board of Directors recently elected Brother Ronald Hingle to serve as president of Saint Stanislaus beginning July 1, 2006. The Board also selected Mr. Paul Verlander to serve as principal of Saint Stanislaus for the 2006-07 school year.

Brother Hingle replaces Brother Ronald Talbot, who has served as president since July 1, 1998. Brother Hingle is the current principal of Saint Stanislaus, a post that he has held since 1998. Previously, he served two years as SSC's vice principal for discipline and attendance. Prior to coming to the school, Brother Hingle was the vocation director for the New Orleans Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. He has also served as principal of Saint John-Resurrection Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama, assistant principal of Catholic High in Baton Rouge, and math department chairman at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans.

Mr. Verlander, who will assume Brother Hingle's duties as principal, came to Saint Stanislaus as an English teacher in August, 2000 following a 14-year career as an attorney-at-law in Monroe, Louisiana. He currently is assistant principal for discipline and attendance at the school.

Brother Hingle holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola University in New



Brother Ronald Hingle

Orleans and a Masters of Education in Administration from Boston College. Mr. Verlander graduated from Duke University with an A.B. degree in English and History. He completed his law degree from the University of Virginia and recently finished his Masters of Education in Administration at the University of Southern Mississippi.

In speaking of this change in leadership, Brother Hingle commented, "I have been blessed to work along side such a strong, visionary educational leader and outstanding religious as Brother Ronald Talbot. I hope and pray that we will be up to the task of continuing to direct Saint Stanislaus in like manner, keeping it rooted in its proud tradition and religious values, yet forming Men of Character who can respond to the changing needs of our times."

Mr. Verlander added, "I am excited about this opportunity and humbled by the faith and trust the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the Board of



Paul Verlander

Directors are showing in me. Stanislaus has been a beacon of light on the Coast for over 150 years; and, in the aftermath of Katrina, I expect it to fill that role now more than ever before. I will do my best in this new position to honor the trust of the Brothers and to maintain the tradition and excellence of this remarkable institution."

Brother Ronald Talbot, current president of Saint Stanislaus, is awaiting reassignment to a new ministry by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. He commented, "My past eleven years have been an exciting and rewarding time. I have come to love the people of the Saint Stanislaus community and have grown in my appreciation of the unique mission of the school, but it is time for new leadership. Brother Ronald Hingle brings enthusiasm, a wealth of experience, and a deep spirituality to his new role. He is the right person at this time to give vision to the future of St. Stanislaus."

During the remainder of this school year, Brother Talbot, Brother

Hingle, and Mr. Verlander will work together to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

... Saint Stanislaus College is a residency and day school for young men in grades six through twelve. The school has emphasized the holistic education of Men of Character since 1854.

For more information, please contact Brother Charles Schilling, SC at 228-467-9057 ext 229 or by email to bcs@ststan.com.

Tyler Henry of St. Stanislaus plays major roles at the plate, on the mound and in the field



PHOTOS BY JAMES EDWARD BATES/SUN HERALD

St. Stanislaus' Tyler Henry, batting against Poplarville, is hitting .448 with three homers and 32 RBIs heading into the 4A state playoffs at Lawrence County. As a pitcher, he is 9-2 with 82 strikeouts.

STELLAR SENIOR

By JAMES JONES

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BAY ST. LOUIS— St. Stanislaus is enjoying its best baseball season in years.

Pitcher-shortstop Tyler Henry played a big role in the Rockchaws reaching the Class 4A playoffs.

Henry, ranked among the Sun Herald's top 16 college baseball prospects in South Mississippi, is a versatile performer. Entering the state playoffs, Henry is 9-2 with 82 strikeouts. He is hitting .448 with three homers.

"I love being a leader," Henry said. "I love having the control of the game's outcome in my hands. I know that I can make a difference for us."

SSC coach Mark Logan praised Henry for providing leadership and being a role model to the Rockchaws.

"Tyler's work ethic impresses me," Logan said. "He's always the last to leave the batting cage to get extra cuts. I have to run him out of here sometimes."

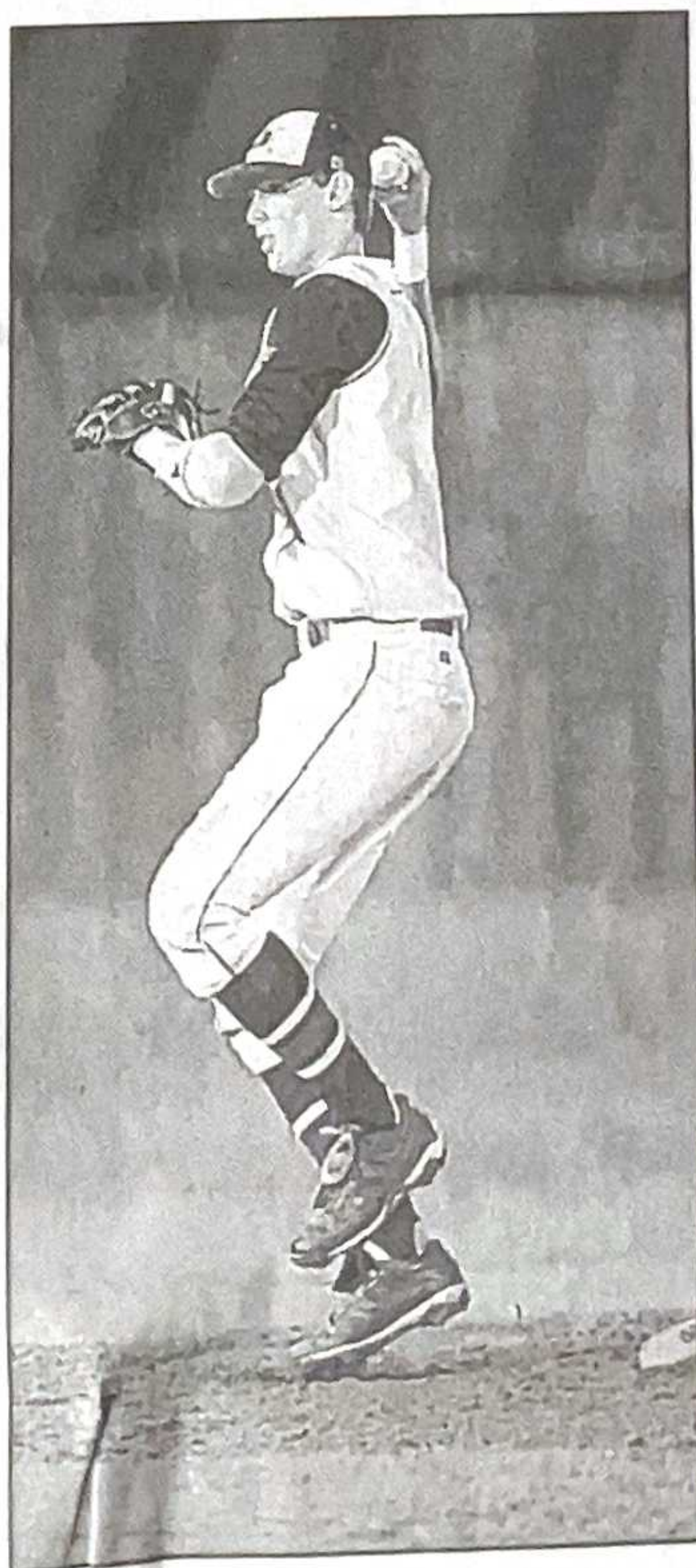
Hurricane Katrina took a direct hit on South Mississippi, but especially in Hancock County. SSC was forced to cancel its football season after the Aug. 29 natural disaster, but managed to salvage other sports. Katrina changed his outlook on life.

"My family didn't suffer as bad as other people in the area did," Henry said. "It made me want to go out and help other folks in the area who lost a lot."

Henry will be spending the next two years at Gulf Coast as a pitcher-third baseman.

"I'm very excited to play for Gulf Coast and coach Cooper Farris," Henry said. "I love their campus. I want to work hard and improve my fastball."

If Henry had to play just one position at



Gulf Coast, he would choose pitcher. He's the Coast's top pitcher and the Rockchaws' No. 1 starter.

"I love pitching the best," Henry said. "Those other two positions—shortstop and third base—I grew up playing. My early

successes on the mound allowed me to get confidence and stay focused."

Family ties

The 6-foot-3 Henry has the bloodlines to major college baseball. Samford was interested before he signed with the Bulldogs.

Henry's father, Frank Henry, was a reserve relief pitcher at Mississippi State from 1982 to 1983. After a two-year career at Gulf Coast, he walked on at State.

The Henry patriarch enjoyed playing alongside future Major League players Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro. He was a senior during Clark and Palmeiro's freshman seasons.

"Coach Ron Polk is an amazing guy," Frank Henry said. "I liked the atmosphere. He sends out Christmas and Anniversary cards every year. He never forgets his players."

Henry would like to follow in his father's footsteps of playing Division I baseball.

"Playing major college baseball is important to me," Henry said. "I love everything about that sport. I want to see how far I can go on that level. I want that chance after I leave Gulf Coast."

Frank Henry, a 1978 Bay High graduate, didn't force his son into playing baseball. The two often work on fundamentals in their backyard.

"My dad lets me enjoy the game," Henry said. "He never pushed me into playing baseball, but we always practiced around the house."

The elder Henry is pleased that his son's perseverance has paid off with a stellar senior season at SSC.

"Tyler has worked really hard," Frank Henry said. "He lifted weights in the off-season. I'm so proud of him."

SSC's Hewes falls in state tennis semi-finals

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus men's singles player Henderson Hewes was seeded fourth overall in the Class 4A state tennis tournament held at the Ridgeland Tennis Center on May 8-9. He advanced to the state semi-finals before bowing out to the eventual state singles champion Chris Betts of Ridgeland.

The SSC/OLA combined team scored five points on the first day of competition while Hewes was the only player to advance to the second day of competition. Hewes defeated Josh Fulgham of West Point in his first match 6-3, 1-6 and 6-2. He advanced to the semi-finals with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Reed Gilbow of Cleveland. He lost by the same score to Betts of Ridgeland in the semis.

Megan Terrell of OLA competed in women's singles and won her first match 2-6, 6-0 and 6-4 over Jenna Davis of New Albany before falling to Bavanna Ketha of Ridgeland 6-0, 6-0. Hannah Johnson of Bay High also competed in women's singles. Johnson lost her first round match with Jennifer Bates of Cleveland 6-0, 6-1.

Joel Gregory and Josh Ellis suited up in men's doubles for the SSC/OLA team and won their first match 6-0, 6-3 over Leo Gainwell and Andrew Fisher of Yazoo City. The Ellis/Gregory team fell in their next match 6-4, 6-0 to Jack Barksdale and Hiroshi Murakawa of Oxford.

Amanda Meyers and

Vicky Rafferty of OLA took the court in women's doubles and won their first match 6-2, 2-6 and 6-3 over Laura Kebert and Lisa Hedges of McComb. They stumbled in their second match against Sawyer Bowering and Rebecca McNeil of Ridgeland 6-2, 6-2.

Lizzy Milner and Charlie Pritchard of SSC/OLA were defeated in their opening round match with Alexa Owens and Jeremy Purdum of Laurel 6-0, 6-2.

Sean Robinson of Hancock was defeated in his opening round of play in the Class 5A state tennis tournament in men's singles. Robinson lost to 2-6, 5-7 to Alex Thomas of Tupelo.

Ridgeland won the Class 4A team title with 11 points followed by Oxford with 9,

Brookhaven 7, Pontotoc 7, Laurel 7, New Albany 6, SSC/OLA 5, Itawamba 4, Cleveland 3, DeSoto Central 3, East Central 2, Northeast Jones 2, Shannon 2, West Jones 2, Lafayette County 1, Petal 1, South Jones 1 and Vancleave with 1 point.

Tupelo won the 5A team title with 15 points followed by Northwest Rankin with 10 and Gulfport with 8 points. The 3A title was claimed by Corinth with 17 points followed by Newton County with 13 points. St. Andrews won the 2A title with 13 points and Madison-St. Joe was second with 9 points. The 1A title was won by

Natchez Cathedral with 5 points followed by East Webster with 2 points.

SSC's Henry earns 2nd team MAC All-State; HHS' Nunez takes fourth in state

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus College senior pitcher Tyler Henry was named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State second team.

Henry led the Rocks to a 22-9 record and the Class 4A state baseball playoffs following a runner-up finish in Division

8-4A.

He posted a record of 10-3 on the mound with 97 K's in 79 innings of work. At the plate, he hit .471 with 37 RBIs, four homeruns and eight doubles.

Earlier in the season, Henry signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College.

Hancock senior distance runner Mollie Nunez placed fourth in the Class 5A 1600m run at the Mississippi High School State Track and Field meet on Saturday, May 6th at Pearl High School.

Nunez placed fourth with a time of 5:49.55.

Sports

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

Pass' Magee earns triple gold & OLA's Kergosien takes bronze at state meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Pass Christian's Cory Magee lived up to the pre-meet expectations of a trifecta in the 800m, 1600m and 3200m runs at the state high school track and field championships at Pearl High School on May 5-6.

Magee, a national champion runner in the eighth grade, brought home the gold medal in each event despite recovering from a sickness. Magee's winning times were 2:20.27 in the 800m, 5:20.82 in the 1600m and 11:58.00 in the 3200m. Her 1600m time is a new Class 4A state record.

Other Pass Christian participants were Shannon Magee, Shawanda Gray and Hillary Dedeaux. Shannon Magee placed fifth in the 800m with a time of 2:32.90 and sixth in the 1600m in 5:59.58. Gray took seventh in the

long jump with a distance of 15'8". Dedeaux placed fifth in the shotput with a distance 34'5". The 800m relay team for Pass Christian placed sixth in 1:50.99 while the 1600m relay team placed seventh in 4:27.70.

As a team the Lady Pirates placed fifth out of 31 teams competing with 48 points. Pearl High School claimed the 4A girls crown with 79 points followed by West Jones with 64.50 points and Ridgeland High School with 52 points.

Our Lady Academy junior Erin Kergosien was the only Crescent track athlete to bring home a medal at the two-day state track and field meet.

Kergosien earned a bronze medal in the women's pole vault with a height of 7'6". The event is relatively new at the high school level in girls competition. The

winning height was 9' by Kossuth's Tatum Lewis.

Other OLA participants were Alyssa Walter, Lauren Seal, Ashley Derenbecker, Annette Allard and Victoria Romano. Walter placed fifth in the 1600m run with a time of 5:52.57 and sixth in the 3200m run in 13:42.00. Lauren Seal was fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:35.68.

Derenbecker crossed the finish line in eighth place in the 3200m run with a time of 15:20.00. Allard was just out of the medals with a fourth place finish in the high jump with a height of 4'10". Romano finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 96'.

OLA was seventh overall out of 31 schools competing. The Crescents scored 26.50 points. Corinth High School won the Class 3A girls meet with 110.50 points followed by

Hazelhurst with 62 points and Carthage with 58 points.

St. Stanislaus sent three athletes to the state meet at Pearl in Class 4A boys competition with Brad Reinhart, Chris Tran and Derek Miketinas. Reinhart placed sixth in the 3200m run with a time of 11:27.44. Tran took sixth in the long jump with a leap of 21' while Miketinas tied for seventh in the pole vault with a height of 10'6".

SSC placed 20th overall out of 33 teams competing with 7.50 points. Oxford won their third state title in five years with 124 points followed by McComb with 113 points and Pearl with 91 points.

Bay High's Abby Johnson competed in Class 4A girls competition in the 300m low hurdles. Johnson finished eighth overall with a time of 54.20.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

Dasinger-Heitzmann

Emily Ann Dasinger of Madison, Miss. and Casey Brian Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis will marry June 3, 2006, at Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Miss. at 7:30 p.m.

The brides parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Dasinger of Madison, Miss. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hart of Dunedin, Fla. and Mr. Henry F. Dasinger and the late Mrs. Margaret Mary Dasinger of Cleveland, Ohio.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Millsaps College in 2003 and a master's degree from Belhaven College in 2004. She is currently enrolled in the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Monti of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cart G. Heitzmann.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the



Emily Ann Dasinger and Casey Brian Heitzmann

University of Mississippi in 2002 and a master's degree from the Mississippi Medical Center in 2006. He plans to enter the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in August 2006.

Matron of Honor: Hillary Ignaut Biaiek

Flower Girls: Parker Heitzmann and Emmi Heitzmann

Bride's Attendants: Emily Carlson, Sarah Crain, Barbara Ethier, Laura

Heitzmann, Marcie Heitzmann and Ashley

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Best Men: Neil Heitzmann and Scott Heitzmann

Ring Bearer: Max Heitzmann

Groomsmen: Scott Heitzmann, Daniel Dasinger, John Henry Dasinger, Timothy

Dasinger, Sanders Kane and Oliver Peneguy

Ushers: Josh Ladner, Richard Mestayer, Mathew Monti and Alan Uram

The couple will Honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Dallas' Peterman hoping third year is the charm

Hancock native hosting fundraiser for Hope Haven

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Former St. Stanislaus standout and current Dallas Cowboy's guard Steven Peterman is looking forward to his third year in the NFL, hoping this year he will finally get a chance to play and perform to his potential.

"The third year may be the charm," he said. "I know I have a shot. I just have to work hard and go compete."

Drafted in the third round in 2004, his first two seasons in the NFL have been riddled with injuries. He missed his entire rookie season after suffering an injury in the final pre-season game, and last year he battled the injury bug once again, only playing in three games.

"I had to learn how to walk again, how to jump and cut," he said. "It was an uphill battle, but I have been working with my strength coaches and I'm ready to go."

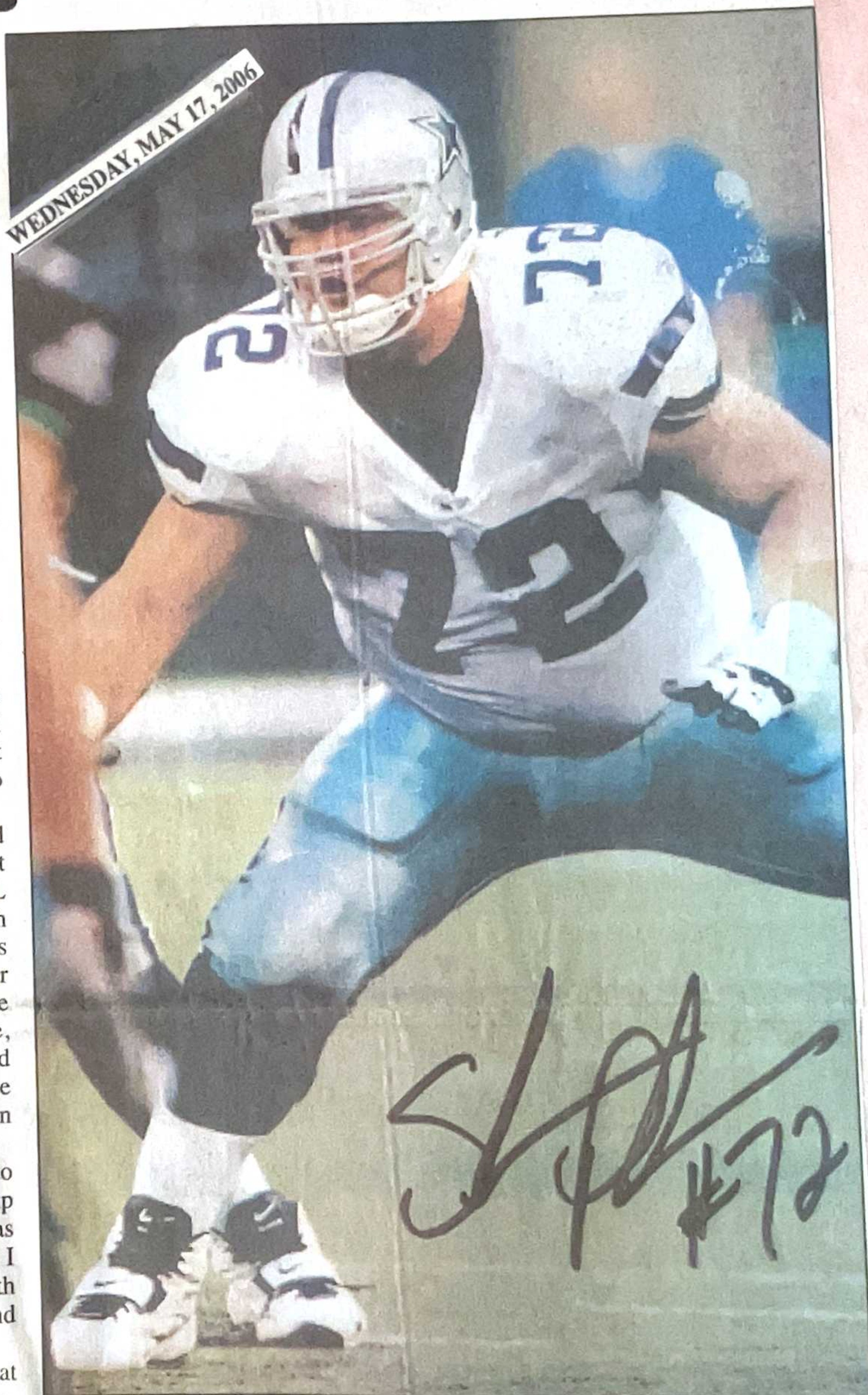
Peterman was a star at SSC, where he was an all-state tight-end in 1999. He signed with LSU and was moved to the offensive line after playing some defense his freshman year. He went on to become an All-SEC and All-American performer his senior season when he helped lead LSU to the national championship during his senior season in 2002.

Peterman said a big part of his making it to the NFL has been because of good coaching at all levels.

"Coaches at St. Stanislaus and LSU really prepared me," he said. "Coach Jay Ladner was a big influence on me at Stanislaus, as well as my position coaches at LSU."

His current coach Bill Parcells is known for his tough, no-nonsense coaching style.

"He reminds me a lot of coach Sabin at LSU," Peterman said. "Both of those guys have been



Former St. Stanislaus stand-out and current Dallas Cowboy Steven Peterman.

successful and they expect you to work hard and show up on time."

During the off-season, the Cowboys obtained wide receiver Terrell Owens and optimism is high for a big year in Dallas.

"I think we are on the

upside this year," Peterman said. "Everything he (Parcells) does is for a reason."

Peterman said he is very proud of the charity work he has done in the past two years. He has set up the Steven Peterman Foundation to provide

aid to terminally ill children in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. This week, he will be hosting a steak dinner event in Dallas with former LSU alumni and current PGA golfer David Toms. All proceeds will go to Hope Haven.

SSC Alumni Assoc. makes stop in Atlanta

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association took to the airways on Saturday, May 13th and landed in Atlanta for a gathering of alumni and friends in the metro area.

The association sponsored an event that was hosted by Christopher J. Wegmann, SSC Class of 1970, at the Cox Radio Group of Atlanta building. Wegmann is a vice-president and market manager for Cox Radio Group.

SSC Alumni Association president Joseph Gex, II, commented, "The alumni association began taking trips to various locations last school year where we have a concentration of alumni and friends. The purpose of the event is to bring St. Stanislaus to alumni and friends since they may live too far away for a Friday night football game, a reunion or other school function. We want to keep people informed of what is going on at the school. It has been a successful venture for us as



Members of SSC alumni participate in the night out with the Atlanta Braves at the Cox Radio Group suite at Turner Field. The members are identified from left to right: Brother Ronald Hingle, SC (Principal of SSC), Mr. John Sheehy (class of 1938) and wife Marian, Mr. Michael Sheehy (class of 1970), Mr. Joseph W. Gex, II (class of 1988, SSC Alumni President), Mr. Joe Monti and wife Kathleen (class of 1970, past-president of SSC Alumni Assoc.), Brother Ronald Talbot, SC (SSC President), Mr. Christopher Wegmann and wife Eva (class of 1970).

we have made trips to Houston and Pensacola. Also, we have included day trips to Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Furthermore, in the after-

math of Hurricane Katrina it is imperative that we let our alumni and friends know what has happened to the school and that we are not going anywhere."

Gex also stated that future trips may take the association to cities such as Chicago, New York, Lafayette, Jackson, Memphis and Nashville among others.

He continued, "St. Stanislaus is extremely grateful to Chris Wegmann and his wife Eva for their assistance in hosting this wonderful event. The alumni and friends were treated to tremendous hospitality, delicious food and lots of fun and reminiscing."

The group was also treated to a night of Atlanta Braves baseball

in the Cox Radio Group's suite at Turner Field. The Braves played host to the Washington Nationals. Atlanta was down 5-3 going into the bottom of the ninth inning when Jeff Francouer hit a game-winning walkoff grand slam that made the final score 8-5.

Gex ended, "Through the generosity of Chris

Wegmann and Cox Radio Group, our group enjoyed a night of exciting Atlanta Braves baseball. The way in which the team won was the icing on the cake for the association's trip to Atlanta."

Members attending the function in Atlanta were Mr. & Mrs. John Sheehy (class of 1938), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sheehy (class of 1970), Mr. & Mrs. Joe Monti (class of 1970), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kochansky (class of 1989), Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Wegmann (class of 1970), Mr. Marty Tighe (class of 1979) and son Brendan, Mr. Frank Tighe (class of 1980) and son Patrick, Mr. Jack Dresher (class of 1950), Mr. Richard Gleber (class of 1989, SSC public relations), Mr. Michael Reso (SSC Development Director), Mr. Joseph W. Gex, II (class of 1988, SSC Alumni Association President), Brother Ronald Talbot (SSC President), Brother Ronald Hingle (SSC Principal) and Brother Joseph Donovan (retired SSC prefect and Hall of Fame member).

The St. Stanislaus Alumni Association was formed in 1908 with the mission of fostering an on-going spirit of union between the alumni and their alma mater.

St. Stanislaus partners with Waveland

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Sports



St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw #15 Chad Boos tackles a Columbia runner Friday during spring drills.

SSC polishes game & ends spring drills against Columbia

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Casey Wittmann, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws' enthusiastic mentor, was back prowling the sidelines along with his staff and team on Friday night 'in between the walls' at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex.

The Rocks played their first football game against an opponent since August 26, 2005, when they defeated Wilkinson County 22-12. Then, Hurricane Katrina roared ashore forcing the cancellation of the Rocks' 2005 football season.

While the environment of the game was a controlled scrimmage, it was still a win for SSC. The Rocks defeated Columbia in the controlled format of the game 7-6. In a 12-play goal line situation, the Rocks scored three times to Columbia's one.

SSC head Rock Casey Wittmann commented, "The goal for this unit in the spring was to come back as a team and play for a united cause. We feel we have accomplished that goal. The senior leadership on this team helped set the tone this spring. With this game, we wanted to work on execution of our offensive and defensive schemes and focus on limiting our mistakes. We laid a strong foundation for that tonight. The team did not fumble the ball on offense. Defensively, we saw some things that we were not prepared for and



Chase Kleinpeter makes a diving catch in the endzone for a 15-yard score.

threw us a little bit. This scrimmage gave us a great start on what we have to work on throughout the summer."

The Rocks struck first in the varsity scrimmage with a nice pass from Chad Boos to Jeremiah Morgan that covered 27 yards. A few plays later, Boos connected with Chase Kleinpeter who made a fantastic diving catch for a 15-yard touchdown. Matt Kivlan converted on the extra point that made the difference for the Rocks. Offensively, the line of Matt Matranga, Bryce Morreale, Caleb McQueen, Sean Bentz and Philip King controlled the middle. For the majority of the scrimmage, the Rocks focused on running the football. Boos took most of the snaps at quarterback while David Grapusa and Dusty Huffpaur manned the backfield.

Columbia answered

later in their offensive possession but failed on the PAT that gave the Rocks the win.

Defensively, the Rocks showed that they have knocked the rust off and the air out of some people. Caleb McQueen and Grant West proved to be big targets on the line while David Grapusa, Dusty Huffpaur and Kelly Mbadugha roamed the field from the linebacker slot. Each of the linebackers had five or more total tackles in the scrimmage. The defensive backfield intercepted two passes with Kleinpeter and Morgan getting the picks.

In junior varsity action, the Rocks fell to Columbia 6-0 by virtue of an 80-yard pass. The JV squad did not participate in a goal line situation scrimmage.

David Grapusa scored twice for the Rocks up the middle from 10 yards out in the goal line situa-

tion. Dusty Huffpaur added a 10-yard scoring scamper of his own. Columbia scored their lone touchdown of the extra session on an 8-yard pass.

Wittmann concluded, "I was very pleased with our effort tonight. Both teams saw some hard hitting on the field. Our players were flying around and having fun. We have a big summer ahead of us with team camps scheduled and our traditional 7-on-7 passing games planned. The team will continue their summer workout regimens as in the past. We are looking forward to the summer program and getting started in August."

As of press time, the Rocks have been invited to participate in a Harrison Central jamboree prior to the start of the season on August

Rocks -- drills

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18th. The first game for the Rocks will be on the road against Class 3A contender Wilkinson County on August 25th. SSC's first home game 'in between the walls' is set for September 1st against Gulfport followed by cross-county rival Hancock away on September 8th. SSC opens their Division 8-4A schedule at home against Picayune September 15th then travels about 2 miles across town to face off with Bay High on September 22nd. The Rocks face their final non-division opponent of the season on September 29th against Coahoma AHS at home followed by two road games against PRC on October

6th and Pass Christian on October 13th. The final two games of the 2006 season are home games

against Long Beach on October 20th and Poplarville on October 27th.

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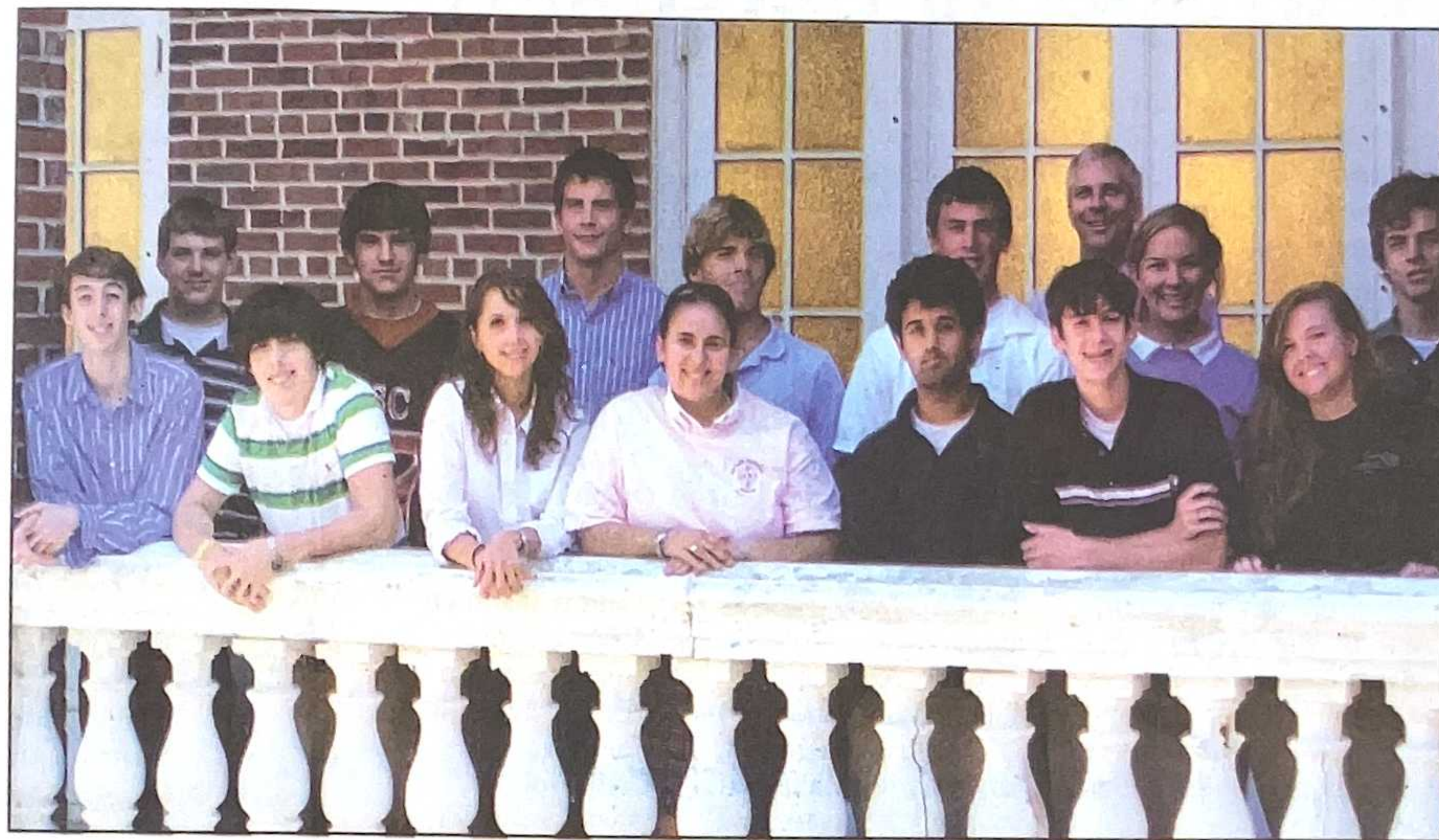
St. Stanislaus partners with Waveland

SEA COAST ECHO

The Spring 2006 Graphic Design class at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, MS, took on the challenge of creating a website for the city of Waveland, MS. The city of Waveland wanted to update their website after Hurricane Katrina.

Mrs. Suzanne Cotter, an employee of the city of Waveland, asked St. Stanislaus' Graphic Design teacher Mr. Dan Zwerg if the school could help in updating the city's website. Through conversation between Mr. Zwerg and Waveland city officials it was decided that the city would be best off if a complete overhaul of the website was done instead of updating the previous website.

The project request coincided with a class objective of completing a major project in web design. The class met with the Waveland city



The 2006 St. Stanislaus Graphics Design Class Front Row. (l to r) Parker Gibbs, Ike Keel, Nikki Vaught, Adrienne Gannon, Ravi Varma, Anthony Veneziano, and Virginia Lewis. Back Row. (l to r) Marshal Scarborough, Matt Kivlan, Ehren Blanche, Gary Taylor, Dillon Shiyou, Mr. Dan Zwerg, Lindsay Benvenuti, and Sam Butler.

officials who gave them their needs and wants for the new website. The new website, www.wavelandcity.com, was officially launched on May 2, 2006.

The Graphic Design class where the students learn to design and web site. The completion

of Waveland's new website was the result of the knowledge gained through their studies.

The Graphic Design class includes Lindsay Benvenuti, Ehren Blanche, Sam Butler, Adrienne Gannon, Parker Gibbs, Ike Keel, Matt Kivlan, Virginia Lewis, Marshal Scarborough, Dillon Shiyou, Gary Taylor, Nikki Vaught, Ravi Varma, and Anthony Veneziano.

St. Stanislaus College, forming Men of Character since 1854, is a Catholic residency and day school for boys in grades sixth through twelve located in Bay St. Louis, MS. For more information on St. Stanislaus College please visit our website at www.ststan.com.

SSC snared Holiday Classic in 2002 – a truly classic game

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball team accomplished something in December 2002 that not many teams have been able to which makes my vote for my 13th favorite game pretty easy. On December 28, 2002, the SSC basketball team claimed the 20th annual Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic title with

an impressive 50-39 win over Gulfport.

Gulfport was ranked #7 in the state while SSC was tabbed #12 when the game tipped off.

The Admirals jumped out early 7-2 behind the high-flying Henry Salter. Salter would later earn High School All-American honors before signing with USM.

Darius Acker sank a three-pointer with :19 seconds left in the open-

ing period to put the Rocks ahead 11-10.

SSC power forward Mario Faranda scored seven points and keyed a 7-2 run to start the second period for the Rocks. Acker fired in six points in the period as SSC ran up a 25-19 halftime lead.

Several Rocks got in on the action in the third period with Brett Amond and Sam Tart getting hot.

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Acker and Faranda continued to score while Ro Murray put the punctuation on the third period with a three-pointer with :01 left on the clock. His trey made the score 39-29 heading into the fourth period.

SSC started the fourth period with a 6-0 run and extended their lead to 45-29 with five minutes remaining. Nigel Jordan struck for five consecutive points for Gulfport but it wasn't enough as SSC held Gulfport at bay for the win and the title.

Gabe Willis put the nail in the coffin with a trey at the three minute mark. SSC played keep away from Gulfport for almost three minutes as Ben Benvenuti laid the ball in for the final points of the game with :04 left on the clock and a 50-39

win.

Faranda, Acker and Willis all made the All-Tournament team. Acker led SSC with 14 points followed by Faranda's 12 points. Willis ran the point and dished out six assists in the game.

En route to the title, SSC knocked off #5-ranked Mendenhall 68-53 on December 27th and Pascagoula 65-49 on December 26th.

During the memorable season, SSC would rack up 31 victories to just six defeats and would get as high as a #3 ranking in the state. SSC would claim the Division 8-4A title and advance to the State Tournament in Jackson. They advanced to the Class 4A semi-finals against #1 in Mississippi and #17-nationally ranked

Jackson-Lanier where their season ended with a 68-40 loss. Gabe Willis and Darius Acker ended up playing at PRCC while Brett Amond went on to play at Loyola University. Willis later played at Mississippi College. Rob Murray packed his bags for Springhill College in Mobile. Mario Faranda eventually went on to play for Loyola University and was the first student-athlete signed when Loyola reinstated full athletic scholarships at the school.

A truly talented team led by an extremely talented and gifted head coach in Jay Ladner resulted in one of the best basketball teams in the area's history. What classic memories for hardwood fans.

SSC's J.C. Brignone shines for the Mississippi All-Stars

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Stanislaus College defensive tackle J.C. Brignone made the most of his final high school football game to prepare for his collegiate days at Mississippi State University. The hulking 6-1 290-lb defensive lineman also showcased his skills as a long snapper and blocker on the offensive line for the Bulldog faithful.

Brignone commented, "This was an awesome experience. It helped me to prepare for next year at Mississippi State. There were some tremendous athletes on the field tonight for both teams. I am very humbled and appreciative that I was chosen to be an all star and represent Mississippi. We were stacked on defense and we played well. We had a few miscues that did not go our way on offense that put us in a hole. Overall, this was a tremendous experience and one that I will cherish."

Brignone and his Mississippi teammates were on the losing end of a 24-3 decision to the

Alabama All-Stars on Saturday, June 3rd at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile. It was a game that saw Mississippi jump out to a 3-0 lead early in the game and out gain Alabama in total yards 214 to 93. However, two costly plays in about 15 seconds nailed the coffin shut for Mississippi in the third quarter.

Brandon Sellers of Wayne County (Jones County JC) booted a 47-yard field goal to give Mississippi their only lead and points of the game with 8:37 left in the first quarter.

Alabama struck back with :32 left in the opening quarter when Chris Smelley of American Christian (South Carolina) connected with Terrell Zachery of Wadley (Auburn) for a 12-yard score. Patrick Dolan of McGill-Toolen (Nicholls State) kicked the PAT for a 7-3 lead.

Dolan extended Alabama's lead to 10-3 with a 31-yard field goal with 8:43 remaining in the first half.

Mississippi opened the second half with a 14-play drive that ended in a missed field goal by

Sellers from 26 yards out. Sellers also hit the upright on a field goal attempt in the second quarter.

On Mississippi's second possession of the half, Cordera Eason of Meridian (Ole Miss) fumbled and Andy Davis of Briarwood Christian (Alabama) recovered the loose ball at the Mississippi 11 yardline.

Three plays later, Arnil Stallworth of Daphne (Mississippi State) scored from one yard out with :51 left in the third period. Dolan connected on the PAT for a 17-3 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Anthony Dixon of Terry (Mississippi State) was stripped of the ball by Captain Munnerlyn of Murphy (South Carolina) and returned 30 yards for the score with :38 left in the third quarter. Dolan converted on the PAT to make the final score 24-3. The fourth quarter was a defensive battle between the two teams until the final whistle.

While Mississippi lost the game, Brignone shined in his time on the field. He started at long snapper for Mississippi and recorded four total

tackles including a solo stop at defensive tackle. He also lined up as a blocking tight end in several situations which showed his versatility as a lineman on both sides of the ball.

Brignone was SSC's fourth selection to the prestigious event now in its 19th year. Stephen Peterman was chosen for showcase in 2000 while Lee Klein and Jordan Ellis were participants in 2005. Peterman played tight end in 2000 when Alabama won 16-9. Klein played linebacker and was the team's MVP last year as Mississippi claimed a 21-18 victory. Ellis lined up at fullback in 2005.

Maurice Hardnett of Pass Christian is the only other area player chosen for the annual classic. Hardnett was picked as a fullback in 2003.

The annual classic began in 1988 and Alabama owns a 13-6 record over Mississippi. The 2005 win by Mississippi broke a six-game winning streak by Alabama in the series. Mississippi's longest winning streak in the classic is four games between 1992-95.

Bright future awaits

2006 showed what can be done if you try

By JUSTIN HOOKS

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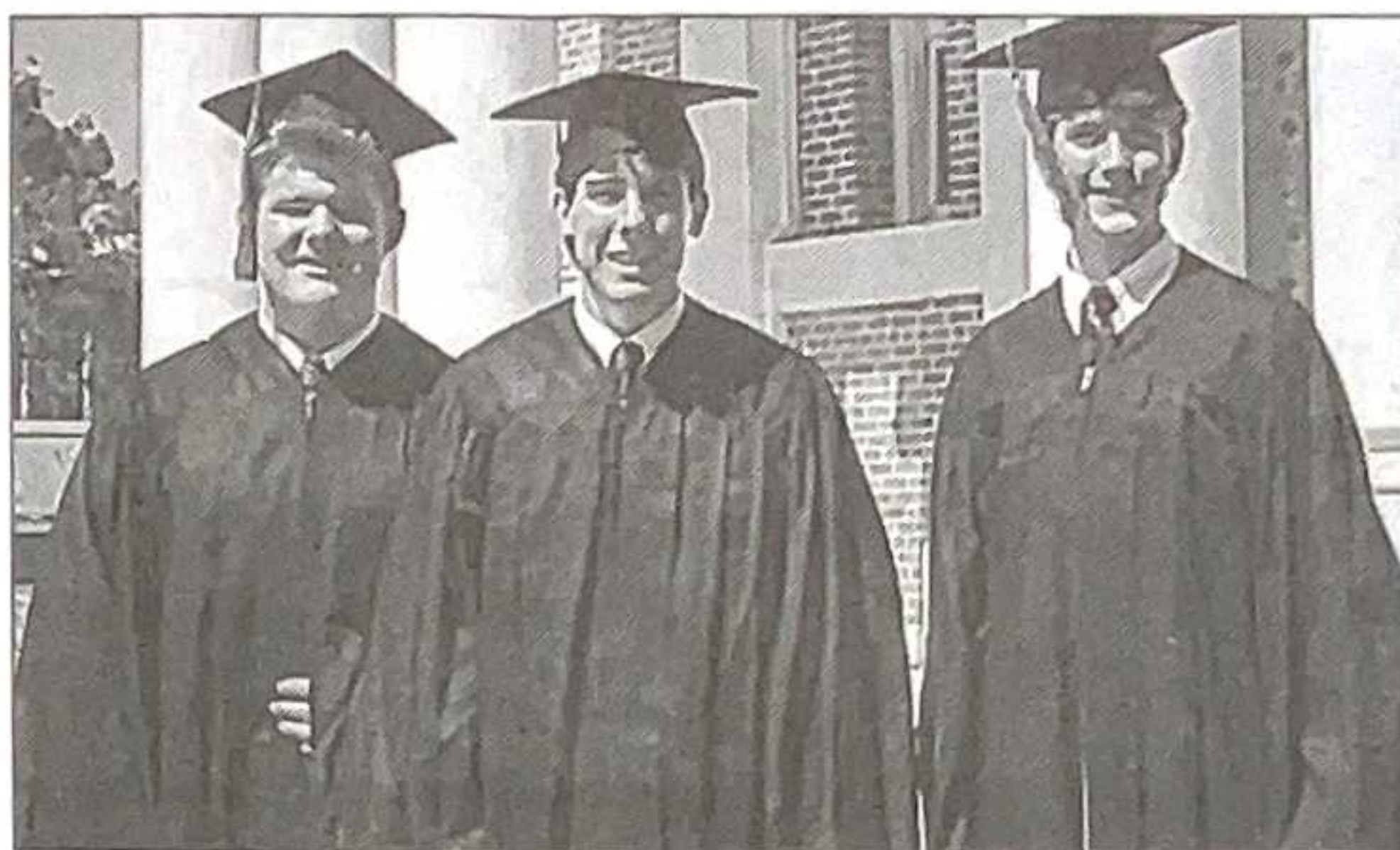
BAY ST. LOUIS — The members of the 2006 graduating class of St. Stanislaus College took another step toward normal Saturday, receiving their diplomas and awards at their commencement at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

Hurricane Katrina ripped apart the church and the school and forced several members of the class to graduate at other schools throughout the country.

The storm did not, however, take away the loyalty the 62 graduates had for each other or their alma mater.

"I was worried about being able to graduate at all," Valedictorian Brad Reinhart said. "We all decided we'd wait as long as we had to so we could graduate from here. It meant that much to us."

Reinhart and Salutatorian Kevin Duvieilh made it through the storm reasonably well, and Reinhart even housed fellow graduate Don Haller's family for weeks following the storm, as the storm surge had destroyed Haller's South Diamondhead home. The three-some was all smiles on this day,



JUSTIN HOOKS/SUN HERALD

St. Stanislaus graduates, from left, Don Haller, Brad Reinhart and Kevin Duvieilh before commencement ceremonies at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church on Saturday.

however.

"We've reached the light at the end of the tunnel," Duvieilh said. "We're just looking forward to enjoying today. The friends we've made here have shown us how others can influence your life. Our class really came together this year. We made our own history and we'll make our own future."

Duvieilh plans to double-major in computer science and software engineering at Mississippi State. Reinhart has plans of becoming a meteorologist with the National Weather Service after graduating from Texas A&M. Haller, whose grandfather was a 1945 Stanislaus alum, will head to the University of New Orleans to become an urban and regional planner.

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St. Stanislaus notes

Class size: 62

Valedictorian: Brad James Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Reinhart of Diamondhead

Salutatorian: Kevin Michael Duvieilh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Duvieilh of Pass Christian

Quotable: "Let us not define our class by Katrina, but by the accomplishments we've achieved. We made our own history, we will make our own future."
— Kevin Michael Duvieilh

year's graduating class received scholarships, totaling more than \$3 million.

Take that, Katrina.

Sunday, May 28, 2006

Rockachaws happy to be back on field

Colleges interested in SSC linemen

By LARRY HOLDER

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Getting back on the football field is reason enough for coach Casey Wittmann and the St. Stanislaus football team to celebrate.

The Rockachaws culminated their spring football practices last Friday when they took on Columbia in their spring game. The game was the first organized affair since Week 1 of the 2005 season. The school canceled the rest of the schedule following Hurricane Katrina.

"We have T-shirts made that say 'We're back' and that's just what we are," Wittmann said. "The kids really have seemed to band together."

Having to start from scratch was something Wittmann and his coaching staff anticipated.

Whether it was basic terminology or just showing the kids where they needed to be in basic formations, the overall theme of the St. Stanislaus spring was reteaching.

"We want to get our kids in the right position to be successful," Wittmann said. "We're in a good position for that following the spring practices."

Senior leadership is another aspect Wittmann was looking for throughout the spring. He said he didn't find one or two kids to pin the leader tag onto.

"The whole senior class took the responsibility, which is exactly what you want," Wittmann said.

Despite the loss of most of the 2005 season, the college scouts haven't forgotten about at least two returning Rockachaw standouts.

Defensive end/tight end Grant West and offensive lineman Caleb McQueen have been the two most heavily pursued by the collegiate

ranks.

"You name it, and they're after Grant," Wittmann said.

The 6-foot-4, 265-pound West is not only bulky, but he's also quick with his 40-yard dash time hovering just below five seconds.

Ole Miss, LSU, Rice and Nebraska are only a handful of suitors chasing after the 285-pound McQueen. The offensive lineman benches 415 pounds and squats 700 pounds.

"He's one of the strongest kids in the country in his weight class," Wittmann said.



Wittmann

WAVELAND

Waveland Web site designed by students

A new Web site for the city of Waveland was recently launched at www.wavelandcity.com. The site was a project of the spring graphic design class at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis. The project was completed at the request of city officials.

The graphic design class included Lindsay Benvenuti, Ehren Blanche, Sam Butler, Adrienne Gannon, Parker Gibbs, Ike Keel, Matt Kivlan, Virginia Lewis, Marshal Scarborough, Dillon Shiyon, Gary Taylor, Nikki Vaught, Ravi Varma and Anthony Veneziano.

Alabama All-Star team shocks Mississippi

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

MOBILE, Ala. — A 15-second span of the third quarter allowed Alabama to deliver the knockout punch against Mississippi in their annual All-Star Football Classic series.

Alabama converted two third-quarter fumbles into 14 points in a surprising 24-3 rout on Saturday before an estimated crowd of 8,000 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

Mississippi trailed 10-3 at halftime in a defensive-minded contest. But costly fumbles from highly touted running backs Cordera Eason (Meridian) and Anthony

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Dixon (Terry)

allowed Alabama to put the game away.

Eason's fumble set up Arnil Stallworth's 1-yard touchdown run, extending Alabama's lead to 17-3 with 51 seconds left in the third quarter.

Fifteen seconds later, Captain Munnerlyn stripped Dixon and made a 30-yard fumble return for TD to give Alabama a comfortable 24-3 lead after three quarters.

"The kids played hard, but we didn't get it done," Mississippi coach Johnny Hill said. "The defense played good, but we made too many mistakes on offense. We're a better team, but it didn't show."

Mississippi, which trails the all-time series 13-6, had its lowest scoring output in 19 postseason games.

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Mississippi took a 3-0 lead on a booming 47-yard field goal from Brandon Sellers. The kick would have easily been good from 55 yards out.

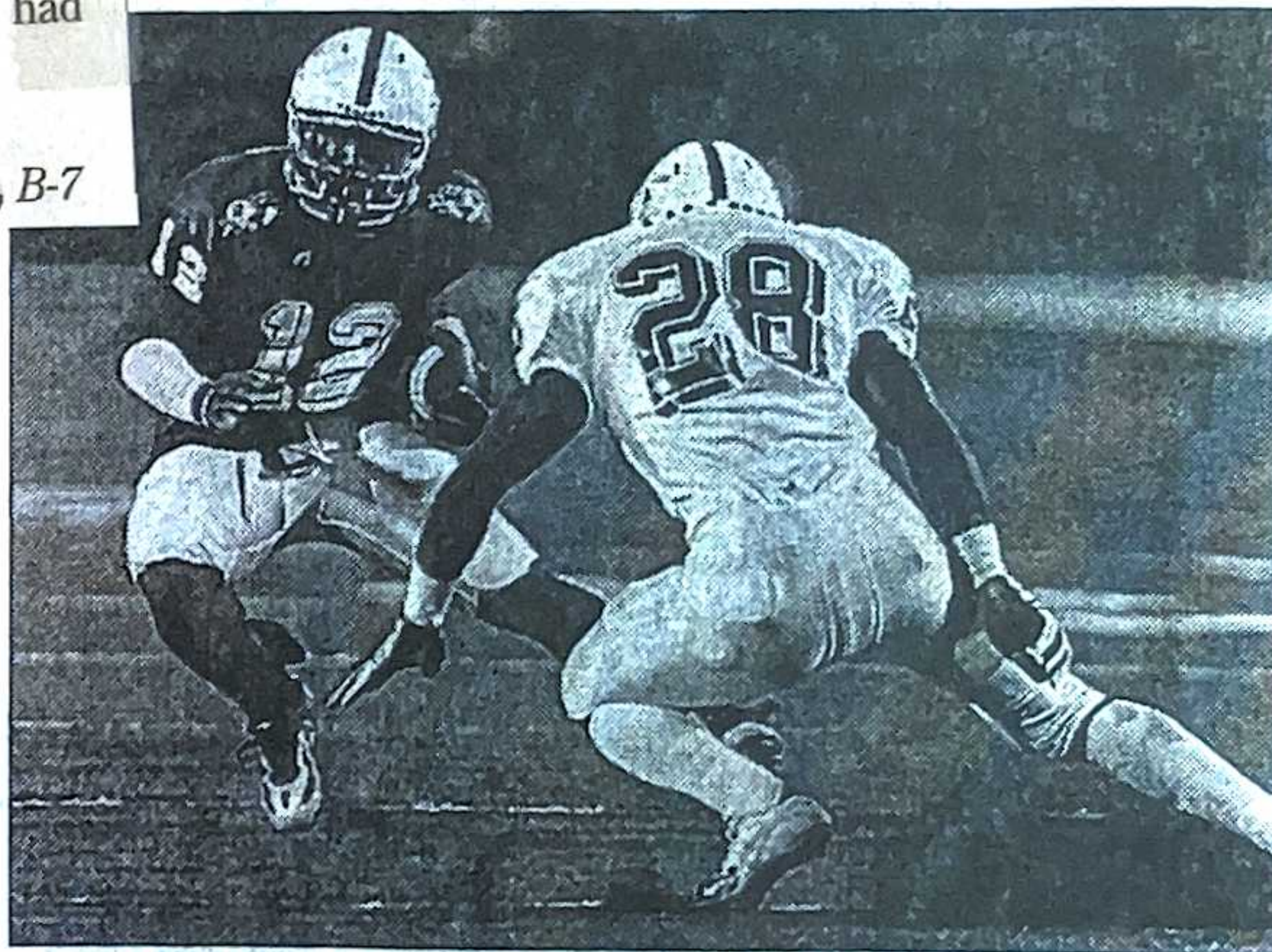
Alabama led 7-3 after one quarter as quarterback Chris Smelley threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Zachary.

On Mississippi's first possession in the second quarter, Oxford quarterback Matt Malouf was intercepted by defensive back Max Lerner. The Furman signee made a 31-yard return to the Mississippi 7-yard-line.

The turnover set up Patrick Dolan's 31-yard field goal, extending Alabama's lead to 10-3.

Mississippi was in position to add points late in the second quarter, reaching the Alabama 22-yard-line. The drive ended with Sellers' 39-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

Mississippi had another chance to trim Alabama's lead on its first possession of the second half. Mississippi reached the Alabama 9, but



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AUTO RACING
Bourdais makes it four straight wins — Sebastien Bourdais ended his run of hard luck at the Milwaukee Mile on Sunday, winning for the fourth time this year with an overpowering victory that left him unbeaten in the 2006 Champ Car World Series.
 The Time Warner Cable Road Runner 225 was shorted to 197 laps because of a 1-hour, 45-minute time limit. But even if the race had gone its scheduled 225 laps, it's likely nothing would have changed for Bourdais. "We had just a rocket ship today," the Frenchman said before leaning down to kiss his Cosworth-powered Lola.
Monday, June 5, 2006



Gulf Coast signs 13 baseball players

Seven pitchers added to squad

By DOUG BARBER

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Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College coach Cooper Farris signed 13 local baseball players Tuesday to replenish a Bulldog squad that is coming off a 36-18 record.

The Bulldogs won the MJCAA South Division title.

The signing class has seven pitchers to go with two out-of-district players, outfielder Blaine Ivey of Baton Rouge and Nick Cupps of Madison Central

High School in Madison.

Farris, who has coached at Perkinson for 17 seasons, was able to address some needs as well as accumulate some up-and-coming talent.

"We basically do a little bit of both," Farris said. "We try to get the best players down here. But needs factor in. You don't want to overload yourself at one position."

Tuesday's signees were Biloxi pitcher Justin Ross, Vancleave third baseman/pitcher Mark McKinley, Vancleave first baseball Richard

Atwood, Gulfport outfielder Bo Bell, Gulfport catcher Jacob Daniel, Harrison Central third baseman Jeremy Davis, Long Beach catcher Matt Ross, St. Stanislaus pitcher/shortstop Tyler Henry, Moss Point pitcher/shortstop James McCarty, St. Martin pitcher Chip Quave, St. Martin first baseman Danny Myers, St. Martin pitcher Chance Adams and D'Iberville shortstop/pitcher Jeffrey Kovacevich.

"We lost a lot of guys this year like we always do," Farris said. "This class will have to come in and produce for us. We return only three starters from last year's team but we had a lot of guys who played a lot."

"Hopefully, we'll be able to mix

these guys in with them and create another good club."

Three of the big run producers in the signing class are Bell, Henry and Davis. Bell hit .448 with 10 homers and 45 RBIs. Henry hit .471 with four homers and 36 RBIs. Davis hit .405 with three homers and 45 RBIs.

In pitching, Ross is coming off a 6-1 campaign. Henry was 10-3 and McKinley was 6-3.

MGCCC loses players like Martin Beno, T.J. Hitt and Joey Butler. Those three players earned all-state honors while Beno and Hitt were all-region. Junior college All-America honors are yet to be announced.

"We feel we have some good bats in

this lineup and some arms who will come in and help us," Farris said. "We're excited about them. We lost some good offensive production. It will take them a little while to get used to this game. It is a little faster pace than they are used to."

Ivey, who prepped at Parkview Baptist, brings some eye-popping senior stats to Perkinson: a .510 batting average, eight homers, 28 doubles, 49 RBIs and 28 stolen bases.

Cupps' older brother Anthony played for Ole Miss.

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2006

ALL-SOUTH MISSISSIPPI BASEBALL TEAM

Sunday, June 4, 2006



JOHN FITZHUGH/SUN HERALD

Here is the Sun Herald All-South Mississippi Baseball team. Seated, from left: Tyler Henry and Chase Kleinpeter of St. Stanislaus, Mark McKinley of Vancleave, Jeremy Davis of Harrison Central and Wendell Fairley of George County. Standing from left: Milton Barney and Tyler Ladner of Gulfport, Coach of the Year Pat Olmi of Harrison Central, Kenneth Atwood of Harrison Central, Jordan Bennett of D'Iberville, Greg Whitfield of Biloxi, Andrew Fleming of St. Martin, Mike Lehmann of Pearl River Central and Kyle Ladner of St. John. Not pictured are Gulfport's Bo Bell, East Central's J.R. Ballinger and Mercy Cross' Pat Covacevich. Capsules of the team members can be found on B-8 and an in-depth look at the Coach and Player of the Year can be found on B-7.

Plus, they're playing at home.

South Alabama lulled the capacity crowd into a trance for a while, putting together good at-bats and capitalizing on an average night, at best, by Ole Miss starter Brett Bukvich. The Jaguars are a familiar team in NCAA tournament play, a team that likes to play aggressively.

In this game, they had three base runners picked off.

"A lot of things added up to getting beat here," South Alabama coach Steve Kittrell said.

The Rebels, on the other hand, were more patient, even when they were behind in the game, even when they were behind in the count at the plate. Ultimately, the Rebels' mental toughness may have been the difference.

And that's something they had in spades, just one week earlier in the SEC tournament in Hoover, Ala.

Jon-Jon Hancock, for instance, delivered a clutch two-run homer in the seventh. One inning later, he hit a two-hopper to South Alabama third baseman David Freese, and hustled down the first-base line as fast as he could.

(Which, truth be told, ain't that fast.)

Hancock reached safely on a high throw to first.

Two batters later, Coghlan's rising line drive cleared the fence in right-center field. White took care of the rest, mixing a nasty slider to go with his 94-mph fastball.

With another victory, the Rebels are all but assured of playing another NCAA super regional at home. Nebraska, the No. 6 national seed and a potential opponent in the next round, went two-and-out in Lincoln, Neb.

"I think (public-address) announcer Glen Waddle announced the score 94 times," Bianco said with a grin.

He was talking about San Francisco 5, Nebraska 1.

Which brought the importance of Ole Miss 9, South Alabama 7, into greater focus.

by Jim Mashek
The Sun Herald



TIM ISBELL/SUN HERALD

Capital City's third baseman Mike Precise tags out Biloxi Breeze runner Jake LeBlanc Saturday afternoon during Cotton State League action at the Biloxi Sports Complex. LeBlanc was trying to reach third from first base but was called out on the play. Biloxi lost the first game of the doubleheader 5-3 but won the nightcap 10-7. Details in Sport Check, B-2

Mervyl Melendez said. "But it does make a difference, emotionally. It's a little bit of a let-down, after the environment we had last night."

"I don't know if we were flat, but we didn't have that same intensity, and I think everybody saw that."

Tulane chased B-CC's starting pitcher, Dustin Blackwell, in the second inning. The Green Wave broke the game open with five runs in the sixth, when Riser delivered a two-run single to left field.

Mohl scattered seven hits over eight innings and remained unbeaten in 10 decisions. He gave way to seldom-used Matt Goebel in the ninth, and Goebel surrendered a three-run home run to the Wildcats' Nabil Sagbini, which made it 12-7.

The next two B-CC batters reached safely, but the Green Wave turned a 3-6-1 double play before Goebel retired the Wildcats' Colin Irvine on a fly ball to end the game.

Rebels

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South Alabama (39-20) built a two-run lead on Aaron George's three-run home run to center field in the fourth.

Ole Miss left-hander Brett Bukvich, who labored throughout his five-plus innings as the Rebels' starter, gave up back-to-back singles to Tyler Jones and Patrick Weaver to lead off the inning. Bukvich retired the next two batters he faced, although David Doss' fly ball was caught at the warning track.

George crushed Bukvich's 2-2 pitch for his sixth home run of the season, giving the Jaguars a 4-2 lead.

Ole Miss struggled at the plate for most of the game, but the Rebels' bats came to life with the game on the line in the seventh.

Ole Miss reliever Cody Satterwhite earned his 11th victory in 13 decisions, and Christianson (7-5) took the loss for the Jaguars. South Alabama out-hit the Rebels 17-10, but the Jaguars had three base runners picked

Game plan

Who: Ole Miss vs. Tulane or South Alabama
When: 5 p.m.
Where: Oxford-University Stadium, Oxford
Radio: WXBD-AM (1490); WPMP-AM (1580)

off, including a play in which Ole Miss catcher Justin Brashear caught USA's David Doss leaning off the bag with no outs and two men on in the seventh.

White, meanwhile, earned his 10th save of the season, and his second in as many nights.

"One thing that will go unnoticed is how we played defensively," Bianco said. "And how we made things happen with the pickoffs. Brashear was tremendous behind the plate."

Ole Miss, which has won 11 of its last 12 games, will face either South Alabama or Tulane at 5 p.m. tonight. The Rebels will get two chances to advance to an NCAA super regional against the winner of the Nebraska regional.

Ole Miss right-hander Lance Lynn (6-3) will start for the Rebels tonight.

All-Star

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Mississippi took a 3-0 lead on a booming 47-yard field goal from Brandon Sellers. The kick would have easily been good from 55 yards out.

Alabama led 7-3 after one quarter as quarterback Chris Smelley threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Zachary.

On Mississippi's first possession in the second quarter, Oxford quarterback Matt Malouf was intercepted by defensive back Max Lerner. The Furman signee made a 31-yard return to the Mississippi 7-yard-line.

The turnover set up Patrick Dolan's 31-yard field goal, extending Alabama's lead to 10-3.

Mississippi was in position to add points late in the second quarter, reaching the Alabama 22-yard-line. The drive ended with Sellers' 39-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

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Saint Stanislaus College Announces 2006 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

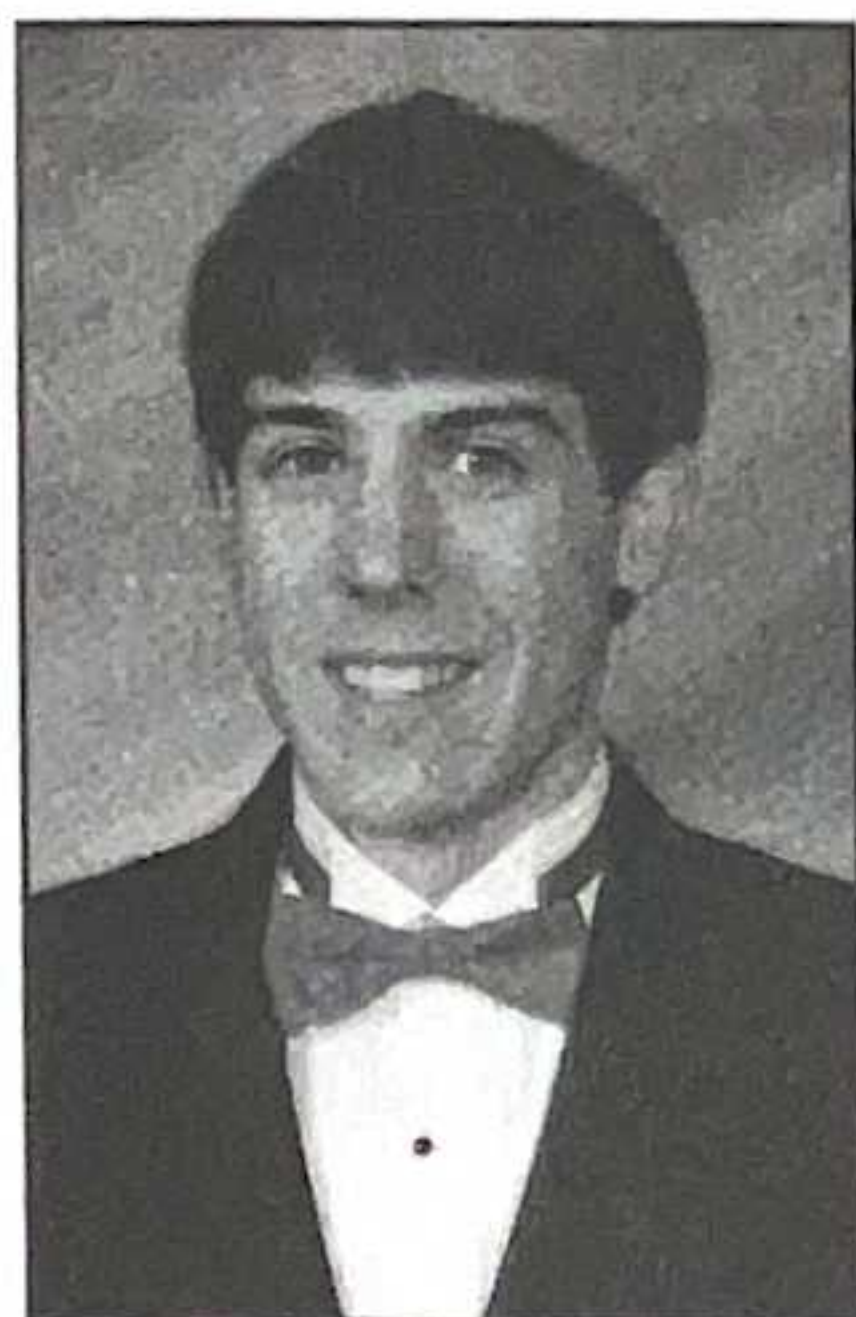
Saint Stanislaus College will recognize the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2006 during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 27.

VALEDICTORIAN

The valedictorian for 2006 is Brad James Reinhart. Brad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead, Mississippi. He has attended Saint Stanislaus since the seventh grade and will graduate with a cumulative weighted grade point average of 4.48.

Brad has earned no grade lower than an 'A' since he entered Saint Stanislaus. He has competed on the school's math and science team since his freshman year and was selected to the physics team as a junior.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Brad has been actively involved in student organizations and athletics. He has lettered in both cross country and track since the tenth grade. He was named to the all-district team in cross country both his sophomore and senior years. As a senior, Brad was the Division 8-4A cross country cham-



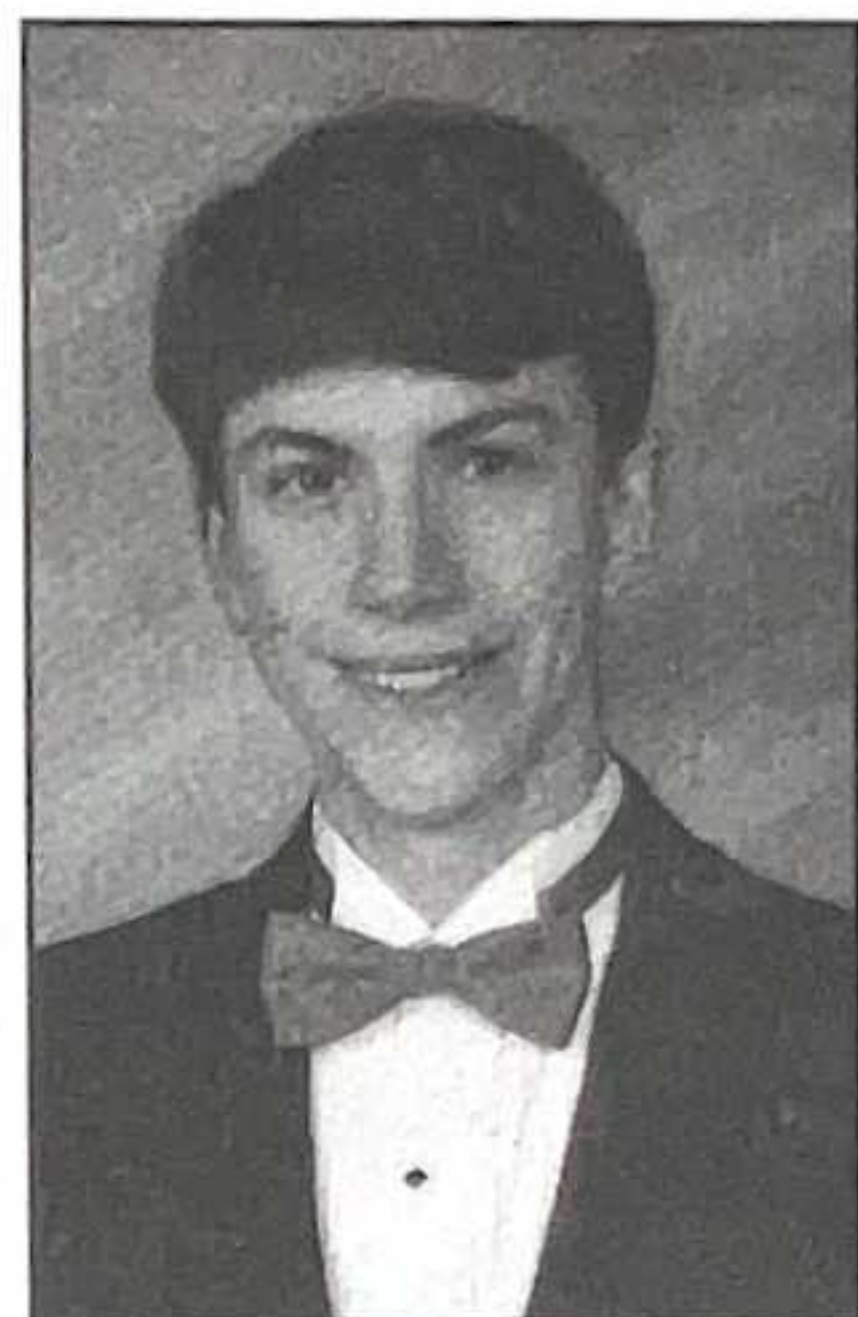
Brad Reinhart

pion and was a state qualifier in the 3200 meter run for track.

Brad was selected as the SSC ambassador to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY) as a sophomore. He has been an active member of the National Honor Society since his freshman year, serving in the offices of secretary, treasurer, and president of that organization. Additionally,

Brad has served as sports editor of the school newspaper and as an officer and class representative on the SSC student council. He has been a member of the school's student ministry team for the past two years.

Brad is a four year member of Boy Scout Troop 78 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout this



Kevin Duvieilh

year. He is also a student member of the American Meteorological Society. Brad has been active in community service projects, including remodeling the Waveland Hospitality Center, unloading supplies following Hurricane Katrina, and participating in a mission trip to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona.

Brad has been offered scholarships and grants in excess of \$270,000. He plans to attend Texas A & M University in the Fall and major in meteorology. He selected Texas A & M because "it is one of the top meteorology schools in the nation and they made me feel welcome and very comfortable when I visited." Brad would like to pursue a career with the National Weather

Service after college.

SALUTATORIAN

The 2006 class salutatorian is Kevin Michael Duvieilh. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duvieilh of Pass Christian, Mississippi. He has attended Saint Stanislaus since the seventh grade and will graduate with a cumulative weighted grade point average of 4.42. Kevin has been named to the school's Alpha Honor Roll or better for every semester since he entered Saint Stanislaus.

Kevin has been a member of the SSC swim team since his sophomore year and joined the track & field team for his senior year. Kevin qualified for state competition for two years in swimming and is a two year letterman on the swim team.

He took first place this year in the district pole vault competition and finished second in the regional meet.

Kevin has held membership in a number of school organizations, including the National Junior Honor Society, the National Honor Society, and Youth Legislature. He served as vice president of the school's National Honor Society during his junior year. He has competed as a member of the school's math and science team, earning first place in both the computer science and

computer programming events at this year's Mississippi Math & Science Competition.

Kevin worked as a camp counselor aide for underprivileged children for three summers at Pearl River's 21st Century Community Learning Center. He was also involved in community cleanup and restoration activities following Hurricane Katrina.

Kevin attended the Mississippi Governor's School during the summer of 2004. In 2005, he was nominated for the Trent Lott Leadership Institute for High School students and received invitations to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Technology in both 2004 and 2005. Kevin was selected for the Science

and Engineering Apprenticeship Program at the Stennis Naval Research Laboratory last summer and has been selected to participate in the Student Temporary Employment Program at that facility this summer.

Kevin has been offered over \$88,000 in scholarship money. He plans to attend Mississippi State University in the Fall with a double major in computer science and software engineering.

He chose Mississippi State because of the school's work in software development for the government and "they have a nice campus." Kevin hopes to work as a government contractor is security software after earning his university degree.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2006

St. Stanislaus College names candidates for graduation

Saint Stanislaus College is proud to announce its candidates for graduation with the Class of 2006. Those candidates who successfully complete their course of studies will be awarded diplomas in ceremonies, including a Baccalaureate Mass, at 11 AM on Saturday, May 27, in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay Saint Louis. Due to limited seating, admission to the church will be by ticket only.

The candidates for graduation are: Jon Tyler Amacker, Blake Anthony Babin, Grant Michel Barone, Owen Ehrensing Blanche, Jared Joseph Martin Boyd, Julio Cesar Brignone, Barret James Burguires, Brandon Scott Butler, Samuel Thomas Weston Butler, Geun Ho Choi, Joshua Shane Cordray, Lance

Christopher Cuevas, William Donald Currie*, Robert Cunningham Davidge IV, Michael Phillip Deifik, Dylan Ross Drake*, Steven Lee Duke, Jr., Joshua Keith Duplessis, John Paul Burguires Dupont, Kevin Michael Duvieilh*, Zachary John Elkins*, Justin Paul Felter, Philip Juan Ferrer III, Sheldon John-Richard Gnibus, Eudelio Gonzalez Martinez, Brenan Patrick Gordon, Garrett Michael Gros*, Stephen Lee Halferty, Jared Walton Hall, Donald Anthony Haller, Tyler Sullivan Henry, Miles Corey Hester, Jarred John William Howze, Kyle Matthew Hughes, Stephen Michael Keel*, Corey Douglas Ladner, Ross Thomas Landgrave*, Christopher Peter Lannes, Jason Morgan

Lewis, Evan Michael Magers, James Brennan Marlowe, Joshua Thomas Martin, Charles Vaccaro Menendez III*, Matthew Robert Milner, Joshua Lewis Morgan, Matthew Edward Pierce, Matthew Stephen Planchard*, Brock Logan Ragsdale, Brad James Reinhart*, Michael John Rice*, Christopher McLeod Rogers, Kelvin Jean Schulz II, Ryan James Stechmann*, Dustin Adams Taylor, Gary Edward Taylor, Harrison Howard Taylor, Christopher Hua Hoang Tran, Ravi Paul Varma, Barrett James Viator, Paul Mason Watson, Johnny Wayne White, Jr., and Brian Christopher Whitman*.

Seniors indicated with an * are also candidates to receive an Honors Diploma from the

school.

Senior awards were presented at the Senior Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, May 21 at Our Lady of the Gulf's community center; major awards, including valedictorian, salutatorian, and the President's Award, will be presented during the commencement exercises on Saturday, May 27.

SSC's Henry earns 2nd team MAC All-State; HHS' Nunez takes fourth in state

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus College senior pitcher Tyler Henry was named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State second team.

Henry led the Rocks to a 22-9 record and the Class 4A state baseball playoffs following a runner-up finish in Division

8-4A.

He posted a record of 10-3 on the mound with 97 K's in 79 innings of work. At the plate, he hit .471 with 37 RBIs, four homeruns and eight doubles.

Earlier in the season, Henry signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College.

Hancock senior distance runner Mollie Nunez placed fourth in the Class 5A 1600m run at the Mississippi High School State Track and Field meet on Saturday, May 6th at Pearl High School.

Nunez placed fourth with a time of 5:49.55.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

Saint Stanislaus Eighth Graders Promoted in Special Ceremony

Saint Stanislaus College held a promotion ceremony for members of the Class of 2010 to mark their transition from middle to high school on Thursday, May 25, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. A brief prayer service and the presentation of special awards preceded the distribution of promotion certificates.

Perfect attendance certificates for the 2005-2006 school year were presented to Robbie Barber, Gerald Gex, Jacob Lichtenstein, Christian Mayeaux, Alexander Romano, and Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop.

Seven eighth graders were recognized for maintaining President's Honor Roll status (a perfect 4.0 grade point average) for both semesters of their seventh grade school year. They are Briou Bourgeois, Michael Carter, Andrew Gargiulo, Jordan Gargiulo, Charlie Pritchard, Ryan Ruhr, and Krisjon Wilkerson. The plaques which they received would have ordinarily been distributed last September.

Special awards were presented to students who demonstrated the qualities of character, conduct, and service.

A Conduct Award was presented to both a resident student and a day student whose wholehearted cooperation has been a source of inspiration and good example to his peers.

The resident student Conduct Award was pre-

sented to Carter Coker. Others nominated for this award were Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop, Robbie Barber, and Jackson Weldon.

The recipient of the day student Conduct Award was Michael Carter. Also nominated were Andrew Gargiulo, Blaise Gargiulo, and Meyer Levy.

Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop was the recipient of the resident student Character Award. Carter Coker and Jackson Weldon were also nominated for this award.

The American Legion Award, provided by the Clement R. Bontemps, American Legion Post #139, was presented to Trace Favre in recognition of the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, service, companionship, and character. Joining Trace as nominees for this award were Briou Bourgeois, Michael Carter, and Jordan Gargiulo.

Character Cups were presented to a resident student and to a day student. The recipients have taken responsibility for their own holistic education and have contributed, by word and example, to the creation of a healthy environment for their peers. In addition to qualities such as honesty, integrity, dependability, and courage, an SSC Character Cup recipient is also a young man who takes the Gospel mandate to serve others to heart.

The Resident Student

Character Cup was presented to George Riviere III. Also nominated were Sean Bourgeois and Carter Coker.

Nominees for the Day Student Character Cup included Briou Bourgeois, Michael Carter, Trace Favre, and Andrew Goscinski. The award was presented to Ryan Ruhr.

Eighth Grade Awards Summary

Perfect Attendance - Robbie Barber, Gerald Gex, Jacob Lichtenstein, Christian Mayeaux, Alexander Romano, and Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop

President's Honor Roll (7th grade year) - Briou Bourgeois, Michael Carter, Andrew Gargiulo, Jordan Gargiulo, Charlie Pritchard, Ryan Ruhr, and Krisjon Wilkerson

Conduct Award (Resident Student) - Carter Coker

Conduct Award (Day Student) - Michael Carter

Character Award (Resident Student) - Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop

American Legion Award - Trace Favre

Character Cup (Resident Student) - George Riviere III

Character Cup (Day Student) - Ryan Ruhr

Members of the Saint Stanislaus Class of 2010 are:

Aaron Atchison
Alex Atchison
Kyle Banks
Michael Barber
Robbie Barber
Logan Barrett
Hunter Beaugez

Tony Boswell
Briou Bourgeois
Sean Bourgeois
Michael Carter
Vincent Claudel
Brendan Cogley
Carter Coker
Nathan Corr
Michael Cunard
Taylor Ducote
Fred Eagan
Dylan Favre
Trace Favre
Jeremy Forte
Andrew Gargiulo
Blaise Gargiulo
Jordan Gargiulo
Michael Gemelli
Cal Gex
Cody Gollott
Drew Goscinski
Sam Grapusa
Ethan Haas
Christopher Haggerty
Taylor Hardenstein
John Haynen
Martin Hoda
Stefan Hutchison
Brandon Keel
Joseph Klein
Meyer Levy
Jacob Lichtenstein
Christian Mayeaux
Bobby McNally
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Marshal Scarborough
Logan Schaefer
Hunter Searcy
Bryce Shands
Christian Talley
Rodrigo Trevino
Abedrop
John Neal Tucker
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Sports took it on the chin when Hurricane Katrina hit

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
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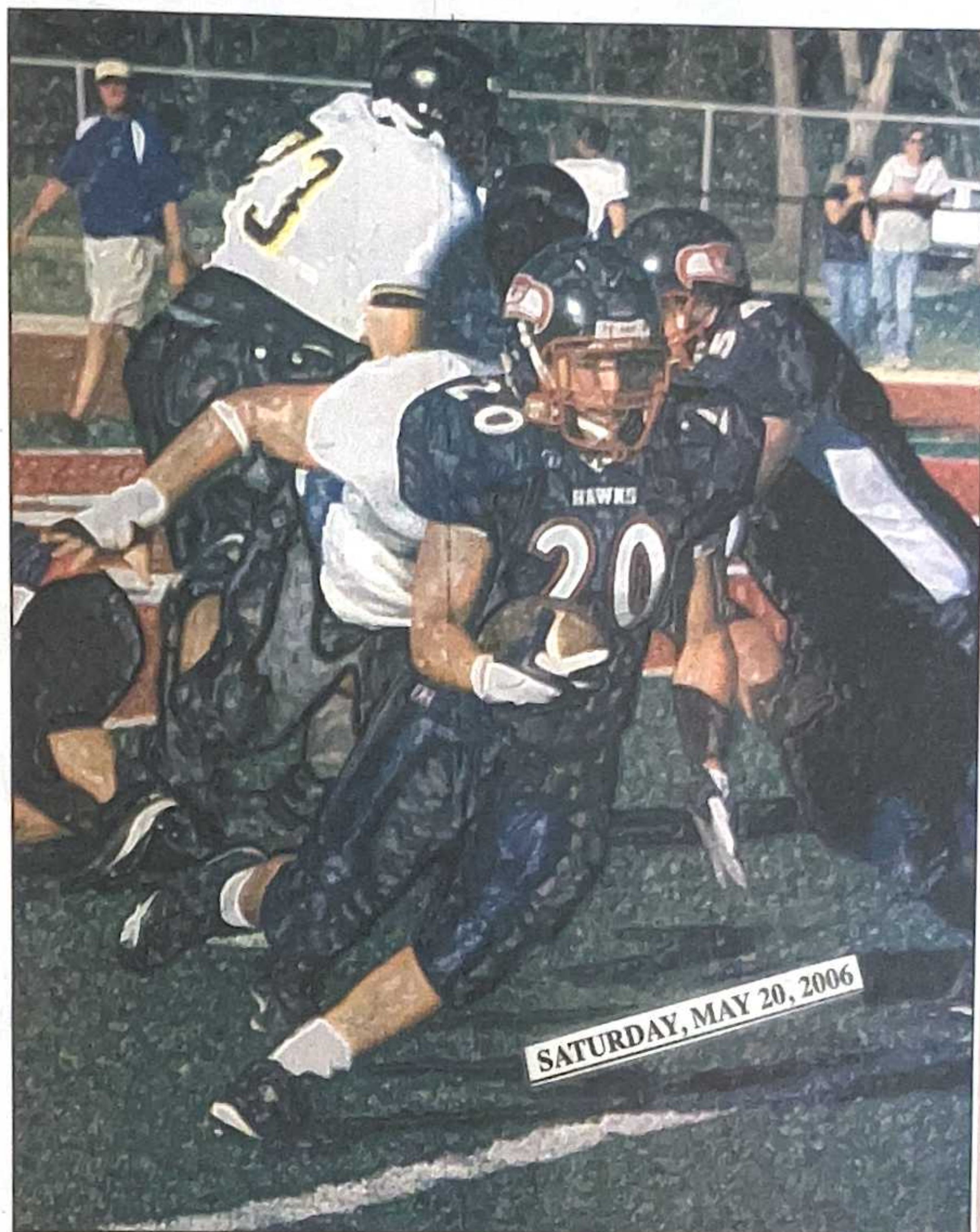
The high school sports year got off to a promising start in August 2005. The two premier volleyball teams on the Coast — Bay High and OLA — were returning several players. St. Stanislaus was coming off a highly successful football season and had several starters suiting up. The Bay High Tigers had promising basketball teams on the hardwood. The Hancock Hawks had several stars coming back in various sports and making the right moves to go forward. Then, the bottom fell out — literally.

On August 29th, Hurricane Katrina crept ashore at a snail's pace and produced, as much as, a 37-foot tidal surge along with 150mph winds. The utility infrastructure was rendered useless, buildings disintegrated and dreams washed away. The storm did not discriminate among its victims. Everyone experienced a loss to some degree that morning.

In the months that have followed, schools are still trying to recover and some athletes are still displaced. The area had finally started to compete across the board in statewide competition. But, in a matter of hours the school's athletic programs were dealt a devastating blow. Gymnasiums were flooded, stadiums torn apart and fields washed over. However, the athletes and coaches pushed on to show their grit and determination to succeed. While the area did not produce a state championship, teams knew that we were not wiped out.

In the past, OLA has dominated their competition in just about every sport. The Crescents won division titles in volleyball, soccer, tennis and track. They claimed South State titles in volleyball and soccer. OLA came up just short in both sports in the state finals. Hurricane Katrina lent a hand in stopping their bid for an unprecedented seventh consecutive state title in soccer when they lost 1-0 to Madison-St. Joe.

SSC was looking to reach new heights in football following their highly successful 2004 season. But, after just



Despite tremendous challenges posed by the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina, area athletes soldiered on.

one game their season was cancelled because of Hurricane Katrina. Their players were farmed out to play for other schools and made a difference for those teams. In swimming, cross country and basketball, the Rocks challenged for division contention but came up just short. In soccer and golf, the Rocks streaks had come to an end. Track finished second in the division standings for just the third time in the last 18 years. Baseball was in the running for a division championship but faltered in the final division game. They settled for a runner-up place and advanced to the state playoffs with a 22-9 record. Tennis claimed a division title while powerlifting placed third overall in Class 4A state competition.

The Bay High Tigers played the first football game following Katrina and advanced to the state playoffs. The Tigers' basketball teams were decimated by the storm and played every game away from the comforts of the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium. The gym was rendered useless following the storm.

In soccer, the Tigers claimed their first ever division title and

advanced to the second round of the playoffs. In track and tennis, the Tigers challenged but came up short. Baseball featured a very young team but showed strong signs of the future under the Weems tutelage. Softball produced a college signee but missed the playoffs. Baseball and softball played every game away with the exception of two softball games at the very end of the season.

Hancock also played football following Katrina but the storm didn't help matters as some players were forced away with the destruction. In basketball, the Hawks won some games but were eliminated in the division tournament. The Lady Hawks, however, advanced to the state playoffs on the hardwood. On the diamond, the Lady Hawks made a stellar run to the South State finals losing to Oak Grove. In baseball, the Hawks were in the games but didn't finish strong.

In several instances, our area teams were not losing to other teams, they were still losing to Hurricane Katrina. Mentally, emotionally and physically it is taxing on a team to play all the

games on the road. The team never had the opportunity to enjoy a "home" crowd.

For teams that understood what they had coming back and then to have it ripped away tears at the heart and mind.

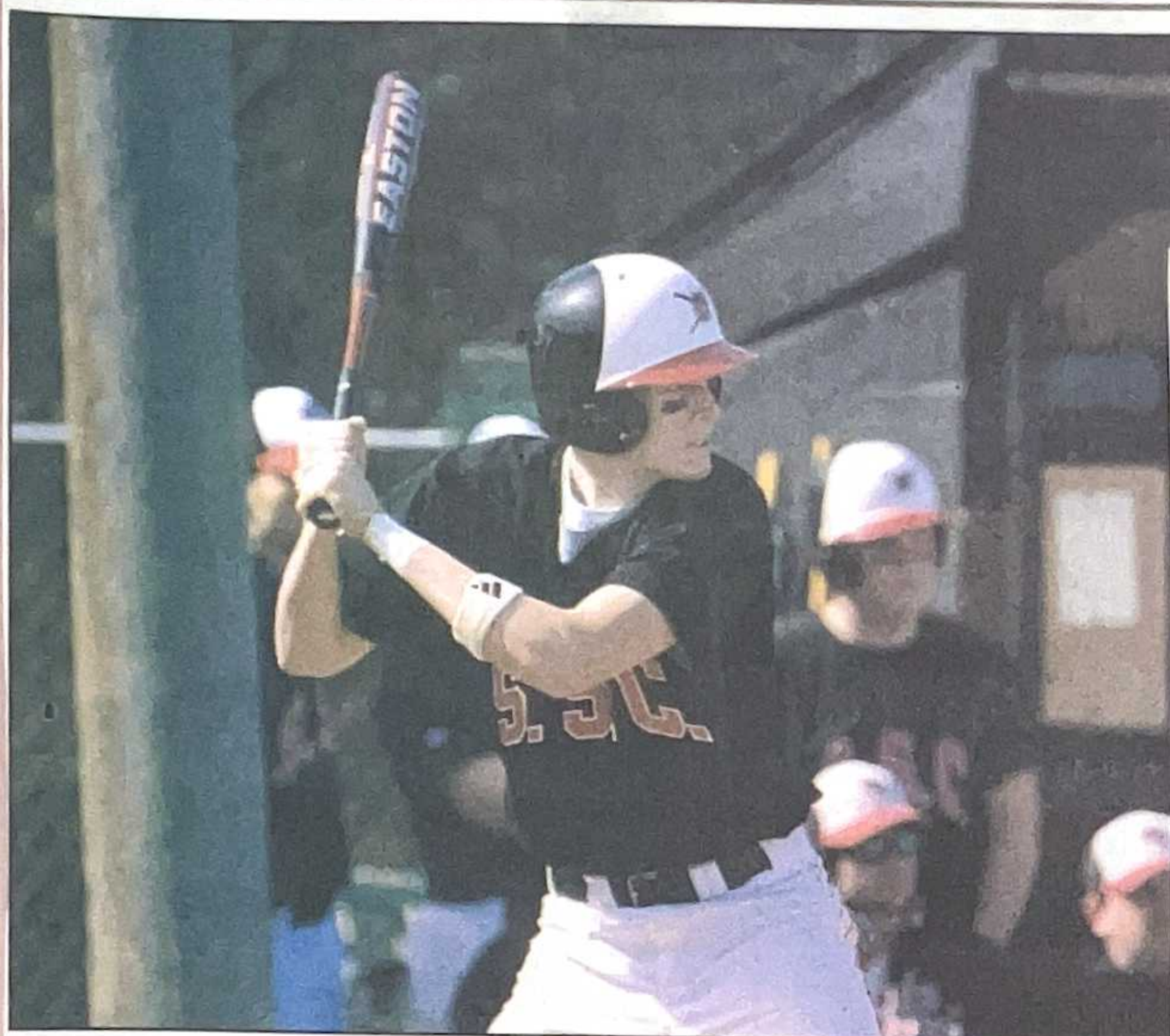
For schools that have enjoyed great success in one or more sports only to see that success stopped almost instantaneously is difficult to fathom.

However, one thing remains clear and evident. The area teams have been dealt a devastating blow, but they have gotten up off the mat.

Losing is not defined by how many times one gets knocked down. It is defined by how one gets back up and continues on. Our area teams have absorbed the biggest blow that mother nature has thrown at this country. And, they did it with great resolve. The athletes, coaches and schools picked themselves up and moved forward with great love of sport. The wins and losses mean nothing in this sportswriter's view. This writer saw winners in every team that each school put on the field or court, no matter the outcome.

Sports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006



Tyler Henry

SSC's Henry named MVP in All-Star Classic

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
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The post-season honors just keep coming in for former St. Stanislaus College pitcher Tyler Henry.

Henry was named the MVP for the West squad All-Stars on Sunday, June 4th in the annual East/West All-Star Classic. The game has been traditionally held in Biloxi; however, this year it was moved to Vancleave due to continued fallout from

Hurricane Katrina.

Henry started the game at pitcher for the West squad and finished the game at shortstop. In three innings of work, he fanned four batters. At the plate, Henry went 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

He signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs and will play for the Biloxi Breeze this summer. The Biloxi Breeze participate in a wooden bat league.

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California Rotary clubs donate \$25,000 to SSC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

SEA COAST ECHO

Rotary Clubs from the Orange County, California area donated \$25,000 to Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. The donation will be used to purchase new computers and technology equipment for the schools library and computer lab. Saint Stanislaus College suffered approximately \$20,000,000.00 in damage from Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005 and the school's entire library was destroyed.

Mr. Grant Engle of Rotary District 5320 and Mr. John Bouyer of Orange Sunrise Club presented a check to Mr. Regan Kane and Dr. Charles West of the Bay Saint Louis Rotary Club and Brother Ronald Talbot, SC, President and Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal of Saint Stanislaus on April 10th in the schools Resource Center.

Mr. Engle and Mr. Bouyer stated that the Rotarians chose to donate to Saint Stanislaus in order to continue their part in the rebuilding of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The two Rotarians first brought supplies to the area ten days after Hurricane Katrina. Mr.



Bouyer added, This is an opportunity for the Rotarians of Orange County area to be involved with a project that is hands on with the local community.

Mr. Engle made a second presentation to recognize the work done by Mr. Danny Reinhart of the Stennis Rotary Club. Mr. Reinhart spent the days after the storm ensuring that the people of the Bay Saint Louis area were receiving much needed supplies. The group chose to honor Mr. Rinehart by presenting his son, Saint Stanislaus senior Brad Reinhart, with a \$2,000 scholarship from Rotary.

The generous donation was made possible by the following Orange County Rotary Chapters: Orange Sunrise, Mission Viejo, Signal Hill, Newport Beach Sunrise, Yorba Linda Sunrise and District 5320.

Earlier this year the Rotary Club of Jonesboro, Arkansas, through the assistance of Dr. Bob Warner, a member of the SSC Class of 1975, donated furniture and 6,000 books to help re-establish the Kleinpeter-Gibbens Memorial Library at SSC. The gift included a circulation desk, a map stand, tables, and shelving.



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Tulane linebacker Jordan Ellis at one of the homes in Hancock County that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The former SSC standout's home was destroyed in Pass Christian.

TACKLING KATRINA

Tulane linebacker first had to overcome loss of his home

By JAMES JONES

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Hurricane Katrina has left behind a long legacy of victims in South Mississippi.

Tulane middle linebacker Jordan Ellis was one of many Coast residents greatly affected by the powerful storm.

Ellis' family lost their homes in Pass Christian, one of the areas hit hardest by the storm. His parents, brother and sister's homes were destroyed down to the slab.

The former St. Stanislaus player couldn't help his family. Ellis had his own predicament because Katrina also devastated New Orleans, where Tulane is located. The Green Wave spent the next four months on the road, going between Jackson and Ruston, La.

"My parents moved to a hunting camp in the Delta for a while," Ellis said. "Everyone had to start over. Football was the last thing on my mind. I was

concerned about my family."

Ellis, a business major, was also concerned about his former high school teammates going through the same thing on the Coast.

"I didn't have time to feel sorry for myself," he said. "Some of my friends went through worse. They didn't know where their families were. Lee Klein's parents and grandparents both lost their homes. Lee's dad lost his business."

Ellis' family eventually got on their feet in the area. His parents live in a Diamondhead apartment. Ellis' sister is rebuilding a home in Pass Christian. His brother is living in a FEMA trailer. His two other siblings live with his parents.

Football provided the perfect escape for Ellis, who lettered as a true freshman last year. He played in seven games, including one start against Rice. He overcame a staph infection to earn the No.

2 middle linebacker spot.

"It was difficult to play last year," Ellis said. "The coaches knew what I was going through at home, and did everything they could to help me."

He inherited the starting spot when senior Anthony Cannon departed. Cannon, one of Tulane's top leaders, was a seventh-round pick by the Detroit Lions in the NFL Draft.

"Becoming a starter is rewarding and a blessing," Ellis said. "I'm still trying to figure it all out. I will have to share the position, but I feel pretty good about it."

Green Wave coach Chris Scelfo praised Ellis for having a solid spring practice, expecting big things from the All-South Mississippi performer.

Ellis' family is proud that the All Region 8-4A



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standout overcame adversity to earn a starting role. "Jordan has shown a spirit that is incredibly uplifting for me and my family," said Jimmy Dempsey, Ellis' cousin. "He is also a deeply spiritual kid, which helped him endure the past year." SSC coach Casey Wittmann is not surprised that Ellis has quickly emerged for the Green Wave. The senior at SSC, he was one of college football prospects. "Jordan put the distraction behind him and focused on being the best student-athlete he can be," Wittmann said. "You can't measure a kid's heart. Jordan's effort says a lot about the character of our kids at SSC."



The OLA/SSC recipients of the National Latin Exam Awards are: (left to right) Freshman Cody LeBlanc, "Magna Cum Laude;" Sophomore Megan Gargiulo, "Maxima Cum Laude;" Sophomore Kaitlyn Stovall, "Summa Cum Laude;" Freshman Paul Hotard, "Maxima Cum Laude;" and Dailey Brannin, "Magna Cum Laude."

OLA, SSC students earn awards during National Latin Exam

Five Latin I-II students from Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus College received awards in the 2006 National Latin Exam, and six students were inducted into the National Latin Honor Society, according to Sister Elisa Bauman, OLA Latin Teacher.

Two Latin II students received both medals and certificates for their performance in the 2006 exam. At the Awards

Ceremony, Kaitlyn Stovall was presented a gold medal and a "Summa Cum Laude" certificate, and Megan Gargiulo was presented a silver medal and a "Maxima Cum Laude" certificate.

Three Latin I students received NLE awards. Paul Hotard was presented a silver medal and a "Maxima Cum Laude" certificate. Dailey Brannin and Cody

LeBlanc each received a "Magna Cum Laude" certificate.

The National Latin Exam Committee stated that over 134,000 students from all fifty states and 13 foreign countries took the 2006 NLE.

Five OLA students and one SSC student were inducted into the OLA Gregory J. Johnson Chapter of the National Latin Honor Society.

The new members are:

Senior Garrett Gros, Junior Holly Graham, and Sophomores Megan Gargiulo, Jaimie Reisch, Amelia Simpson, and Kaitlyn Stovall.

Requirements for membership in the NLHS include taking two years of Latin and maintaining a grade of 90% or above during the two years.



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JAMES LOWARD BATES, SUN HERALD

Air Force sophomore linebacker Lee Klein, a former St. Stanislaus standout, in his house that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The house took 8 feet of water.

Air Force delivered charity to his family

Cadets gave Kleins \$8K after Katrina

By JAMES JONES

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Linebacker Lee Klein knew his first year at the Air Force Academy would be challenging.

Several weeks into basic training in Colorado Springs, Klein had the added distraction of dealing with Hurricane Katrina.

Klein was helpless watching television reports from CNN, ABC and other networks that broadcast the powerful storm obliterating South Mississippi on Aug. 29. His parents' home in Bay St. Louis was destroyed. Lee Jr., his father, lost his job as a dental technician.

"My father didn't think the storm would be that bad," Klein said. "After seeing people on TV talk about it coming to the Coast, I called him. By the time my father realized how strong it'd become, it was too late. It was horrible."



Klein

The former St. Stanislaus standout didn't think twice about ditching Colorado to help his family recover in Hancock County. But Air Force officials prohibited Klein from returning to Bay St. Louis because of his military commitment.

"The officers told me if I left training, I'd be disenrolled," Klein said. "I had just got of boot camp. I couldn't leave the academy. I was caught in a pickle."

AFA officials were sympathetic to Klein, whose freshman class collected \$8,000 for his family. Klein Jr. used part of the money to rebuild his business. The Kleins live in a FEMA trailer, but his grandparents have their house up and running.

"It was cool for my fellow cadets to do that," Klein said. "We didn't have anything to fall back on. My father has his independent business that serves 28 dentists on the Coast."

Since Klein was a first-year cadet, he had to play on the Air Force prep school team. The Falcons lost eight of 10 games against junior college teams.

"Playing on the prep team is like being redshirted at other Division I schools," Klein said. "Going to boot camp and playing a season is tough. We had a lot of talent, but didn't have time to mesh as a team. We played against some tough JUCO teams. That experience humbled me."

Former SSC coach Casey Wittmann is proud of Klein, who earned defensive MVP honors at the 2005 Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Classic.

"If you have big dreams and work hard, good things will happen," Wittmann said. "I couldn't get a Division I school to offer him. It says a lot about the character of our kids at SSC."

Klein, who reports to Colorado Springs next week, is now focused on earning a starting role with the Falcons. A torn pec muscle kept him from participating in spring drills, but the second-year cadet is optimistic.

"The coaches have high expectations for me," Klein said. "I'm real excited. The coaches said all of the positions are open. And I have a chance."

3-Time State Soccer Champs

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006



The Gulf Coast United Futbol Club's U-15 boys soccer team won its third straight Mississippi State Soccer Championship on May 28, 2006 in Jackson, Mississippi. They will participate in the 2006 U.S. Youth Soccer Southern Regional championships in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 29 – July 5, 2006. The Southern Region consists of the state champions from the Southeast and South Central United States. In their first appearance in the Southern Regional Tournament in 2005, they advanced to the quarter finals. The team consists of 14 and 15 year old boys from the Mississippi Gulf Coast from Pascagoula to Waveland. For the past two years they have played in the Region III Premier League with the top teams from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida and traveled to numerous tournaments throughout the region. Members from the championship team include: Front Row: Jordan Godsey, Quinton Pigg, **Henderson Hewes**, Cameron Troutman, Kyle Miller, Chris Ruple, Juliano Schibeci, Derek Zimmer, and Chris Nettles. Back Row: Coach Oleg Chikanov, **Cameron Bosley**, **Rodrigo Trevino**, Daniel Buettel, Kyle Kimbrell, Michael Hawkins, Allen Ramsey, Brandon Sema, and **William Love**. Missing from Photo: Matt Millette.

Fiddlers on the Coast



The world famous Saline Fiddlers from Saline, Michigan will be performing a benefit concert, Saturday June 24th for Bay High School and St. Stanislaus Band programs. The performance begins at 2 PM on the front lawn of the St. Stanislaus High School. There is no admission but all "donations" will aid in purchasing new band music, as both programs lost their entire music libraries, due to Hurricane Katrina. Come early and bring the entire family, lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets and enjoy a wonderful performance, raffles and fun. Among raffle items will be a fiddle.

Saline musicians volunteer, entertain

BY TYLER STEWART
Contributing Writer

More than 30 fiddles will sound together in Hancock and Harrison Counties this week, as string group the Saline Fiddlers makes its way to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The group won't just be playing music; they'll be volunteering time to help families rebuild their homes.

The Michigan-based group is comprised solely of Saline High School students that use their fiddle-sawing skills to entertain people across the country, performing between 80-100 shows per year. Now into its

12th year, the Saline Fiddlers is a non-profit organization led by a team of both business managers and creative minds.

"We balance being professional musicians with being kids," artistic director Ben Culver said. "We're really involved locally, but we travel every chance we get to go elsewhere. We usually do two tours each year."

One of this year's tours includes the Fiddlers' Gulf Coast visit.

"We're coming down to do our part with what we do best: perform," administrative manager Lynda Shea said.

"We've been looking

for a way to give back to the community and give our kids a chance to help out in our own way with relief efforts," Culver said. "They are really excited to come down. It's going to be a really positive experience."

The Fiddlers will perform tonight at 7:30 at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Biloxi. Thursday, the group will perform at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gulfport.

It will perform Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Caswell Springs United Methodist Church in Moss Point.

In Hancock County,

the Fiddlers will perform at St. Stanislaus High School on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Each concert will be a benefit for victims of Hurricane Katrina. For more information about the Saline Fiddlers, visit the group's Web site at www.salinefiddlers.com.

Rocks end 0-25 streak on 1st game of '94 season

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
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The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws football team has had its share of ups and downs throughout an almost century long history. There was the amazing run of athletic director and head coach Forster Commagere who never had a losing season in any sport – football, basketball, baseball and track – from 1916 through 1929.

Then, there were players like John “Baby Grand” Scafide, Harry “Wop” Glover, Milton “Hippo” Phillips, Judge Nat Tyner, Henry “Zeke” Bonura, Marchie Schwartz, Pete Taylor, Heisman Trophy winner Col. Felix “Doc” Blanchard, J.E. Loiacano, Mike Meyers, Scott Senner, Shannon Garrett, Stephen Peterman, and, most recently, Michael Cure, Lee Klein, Jordan Ellis,

and J.C. Brignone among countless others.

There was a Toy Bowl tie, the Flea/Fly Classic, a division title in 2004 and state playoff appearances. However, perhaps the lowest point was the 0-25 streak that occurred between the fifth game of the 1991 season through the last game of the 1993 season. It was a streak that nobody cares to revisit.

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But, there was a joy concerning the streak on August 26, 1994. That was the day the infamous streak ended with a 29-14 win over the St. John Eagles – on the road, nonetheless. This game checks in as my #11 favorite because it ended a dark chapter in SSC football and opened a bright future that continues today.

The Rocks had just hired a new head coach in Brannon LeBlanc and had several returning starters from the season before that were thirsty to end the drought in the “W” column.

Senior quarterback Nate Middleton started the Rocks off early with a 70-yard scoring strike to all-everything tailback Brandon Benoit. Billy Dorgan made the score 7-0 with the PAT.

After a fumble by St. John on the kickoff, the Rocks squandered a chance at another score as Dorgan missed on the field goal attempt.

In the second quarter, junior quarterback Correy Gex connected with Brooks Quinlan on a 22-yard score while Middleton kept the ball for a two-point conversion to make the score 15-0.

Late in the first half,

James Kaigler got the Eagles on the board with a 4-yard plunge.

As the third quarter was winding down, Quinlan scored his second touchdown of the night with a 2-yard run. Dorgan made the score 22-7 with the PAT.

The Rocks put the final nail in the coffin with a 38-yard scoring strike from Middleton to Quinlan with just over seven minutes to play. It was Quinlan's third score of the game. Dorgan made the score 29-7 with the PAT. The Eagles scored a late touchdown to make the final score 29-14.

Gex went back in the game to protect the ball and the win. He scrambled for 43 yards as time expired on the win and two and one-half years of frustration and dejection. The streak was finally over and the Rocks had won.

In the game, SSC racked up 433 yards of total offense and held St. John to just 155 yards. Benoit had 84 yards rushing and 96 yards receiving. Middleton accounted for 70 yards rushing and 128 yards passing while Gex tallied 67 yards rushing and 46 yards passing. Quinlan scored three times,

rushed for 38 yards and had 60 yards receiving.

The win not only marked the end of the streak but it gave new head coach Brannon LeBlanc a win in his debut. Nate Middleton went on to play college football at Morehouse and later played Arena football. Benoit chose to play basketball at PRCC while Gex signed to play for Ole Miss under Tommy Tuberville and David Cutcliffe.

LeBlanc spent only one season at SSC before he moved on to Biloxi High School and later Ocean Springs and Pascagoula. One Eagle player, Chad Rhodes, is now the head powerlifting coach at SSC who recently led his team to a third place finish in Class 4A.

The Rocks ended up going 1-9 on the season but it didn't matter

because the streak was over. It was the beginning of a rocky climb back to the top where the Rocks reached summit in 2004 with their first-ever division title. The game ended a chapter of despair but also opened one of bright hope for the Rocks. A chapter that continues to be written today.

Brignone sees football classic as springboard

Thursday, June 1, 2006

Hopes it'll lead to MSU stardom

By JAMES JONES

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MOBILE — St. Stanislaus defensive tackle J.C. Brignone was considered a surprise selection to the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Classic in February.

Brignone played only one game at SSC before the Rockachaws' remaining season was cancelled after Hurricane Katrina obliterated South Mississippi on Aug. 29. SSC did not re-open until November.

The Mississippi State signee wound up playing at Parkview High School in Lilburn, Ga. But Brignone was eligible for Saturday's All-Star contest because he played one in-state game, according to MHSSA rules.

"It's a great honor to represent the state of Mississippi," Brignone said. "It's an awesome award. One of my goals was to make the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game."

SSC began its tradition of sending players to the annual border series in 2000 with tight end Stephen Peterman. Fullback Jordan Ellis and linebacker Lee Klein played last year. Klein earned defensive MVP honors.

"We've had SSC players competing in this game," Brignone said. "We had two players last year. It feels great to add to our legacy at SSC."

Mississippi coach Johnny Hill is impressed with the versatility of Brignone, who also helped SSC win a 4A South

state title in powerlifting.

"J.C.'s a good long snapper," Hill said. "We made him into one Tuesday. He's coming along as a defensive line-man for us."

Brignone enjoyed the out-of-state experience in Georgia, but he re-enrolled at SSC after the Christmas break. He'd become a



Brignone

standout wrestler in Georgia, but wanted to graduate at SSC. "I just went up there and played football," Brignone said. "There's nothing like playing with my friends at SSC. I used the time away from the Coast to get ready for college and being away from my friends."

Another reason Brignone returned home was because he wanted to help his home, Hancock County, recover from the worst natural disaster in American history. His family is still living in a FEMA trailer.

"I got myself ready to go back home last September, but it hurt to see everything," Brignone said. "My home got destroyed. There was nothing to go back to. My coaches and friends were gone."

The 6-foot-1, 290-pound Brignone is ready to help Mississippi State enjoy its first winning season in seven years.

"When I went to Mississippi State on my visit, they made me feel right at home," Brignone said. "I'll go up there, play my best and hope to get playing time as a true freshman."



Monday, July 3, 2006
Recipients of major awards at the SSC 2006 Eighth-Grade Promotion Ceremony, from left: Trace Favre, American Legion Award; Ryan Ruhr, Day Student Character Cup; Carter Coker, Resident Student Conduct Award; George Riviere III, Resident Student Character Cup; Michael Carter, Day Student Conduct Award; and Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop, Resident Student Character Award.

St. Stanislaus students honored at ceremony

Saint Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis held a promotion ceremony May 25 for members of the Class of 2010 to mark their transition from middle to high school.

The ceremony was held at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. A brief prayer service and the presentation of special awards preceded the distribution of promotion certificates. Other honors included for perfect attendance and honor roll achievements.

The Resident Student Conduct Award was presented to Carter Coker. Others nominated for this award were Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop, Robbie Barber and Jackson Weldon. The Day Student Conduct Award was presented to Michael Carter. Also nominated were Andrew Gargiulo, Blaise Gargiulo and Meyer Levy.

Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop was the recipient of the Resident Student Character Award. Carter Coker and Jackson Weldon were also nominated for this award.

The American Legion Award, provided by the Clement R. Bontemps, American Legion Post #139, was presented to Trace Favre. Other nominees were Briou Bougeois, Michael Carter and Jordan Gargiulo.

The Resident Student Character Cup was presented to George Riviere III. Also nominated were Sean Bourgeois and Carter Coker.

Nominees for the Day Student Character Cup included Briou Bourgeois, Michael Carter, Trace Favre and Andrew Goscinski. The award was presented to Ryan Ruhr.

Members of the Saint Stanislaus Class of 2010: Aaron Atchison, Alex Atchison, Kyle Banks, Michael Barber, Robbie Barber, Logan Barrett, Hunter Beaugez, Tony Boswell, Briou Bourgeois, Sean Bourgeois, Michael Carter, Vincent Claudel, Brendan Cogley, Carter Coker, Nathan Corr, Michael Cunard, Taylor Ducote, Fred Eagan, Dylan Favre, Trace Favre, Jeremy Forte, Andrew Gargiulo, Blaise Gargiulo, Jordan Gargiulo, Michael Gemelli, Cal Gex, Cody Gollott, Drew Goscinski, Sam Grapusa, Ethan Haas, Christopher Haggerty, Taylor Hardenstein, John Haynen, Martin Hoda, Stefan Hutchison, Brandon Keel, Joseph Klein, Meyer Levy, Jacob Lichtenstein, Christian Mayeaux, Bobby McNally, Blake Morreale, Brennen Morreale, Charlie Pritchard, Nico Ramirez, Matthew Renz, George Riviere, Zander Romano, Ryan Ruhr, Austin Runnels, Marshal Scarborough, Logan Schaefer, Hunter Searcy, Bryce Shands, Christian Talley, Rodrigo Trevino Abedrop, John Neal Tucker, Justin Vaughn, T.J. Vaught, Jackson Weldon and Krisjon Wilkerson.

'SSC shocked #19-ranked Hawks in 2OT thriller' comes in at #10

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

On Friday, September 6, 2002, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws upset the #19-ranked Hancock Hawks 13-12 in double overtime. It is quite easy to see why this game made the top 10 list. The two teams battled weather before the game and they battled each other to a regulation 0-0 tie. The win by the Rocks gave head coach Casey Wittmann his first "W" as a head coach.

Each team had only one possession in the first quarter. The Rocks mounted a 13-play drive while Hancock followed with a 17-play drive that took nine minutes off the clock. In the second quarter, both teams traded four-play possessions for 12 minutes.

In the fourth quarter, both the Rocks and the Hawks committed turnovers on prospering drives. Jordan Ellis intercepted a Hawk pass near midfield. Later, SSC fumbled the ball away with less than one minute remaining.

In the first overtime, the Rocks scored on their third play from scrimmage. SSC quarterback Tim Kulikowski connected with Michael Cure for a 10-yard score. The PAT was no good leaving the score at 6-0.

Hancock followed suit on their possession scoring on the third play from scrimmage. Ervin Jackson scored from two yards out. The PAT for Hancock sailed wide

right to force the second overtime with the score tied 6-6.

The Rocks scored on a fourth-and-one situation when Ashton Wright battered his way into the endzone. This time the PAT was good and the score was 13-6.

Hancock scored quickly on a swing pass from Brandon Necaie to Ricky Underwood. The two-point conversion by Hancock was stopped short by the Rock defense and the final score of 13-12 was in favor of SSC.

Both teams were as evenly matched as possible. Hancock tallied 10 first downs while SSC produced eight. The Rocks racked up 191 total yards while Hancock amassed 189 yards. Gabe Willis had 100 yards on 15 carries for SSC while Ervin Jackson tallied 61 yards on 19 carries.

Defensively, the efforts by both teams resulted in large tackle stats for some individuals. Lee Klein led SSC with 18 total tackles followed by Frederick Mallini with 14 and Jordan Ellis with 13. Hancock was paced by Ricky Underwood with 16 total tackles followed by Darren Elliott with 14 stops. Steven Guidos and Robert Domke each tallied 10 stops.

Ervin Jackson of Hancock later played for PRCC and then signed with Ohio University. For SSC, Tim Kulikowski signed with PRCC and became a

teammate of Jackson. The duo won a state and national title with the Wildcats in Poplarville. Also for SSC, Gabe Willis played basketball at PRCC and later Mississippi College. Matt Hoda was selected for the North/South All-Star game while Lee Klein, Jordan Ellis and Michael Cure would sign with Air Force, Tulane and Dartmouth College,

respectively. All three are projected starters for the 2006 season.

This was a game for the ages. The two rivals battled until the very end. In a game like this, no team deserved to lose. However, in the cathedral that is the gridiron, there always is a winner and a loser. In this case, it was a mere three inches that decided the ultimate fate.

Ole Miss hands out Katrina scholarships

The University of Mississippi has committed \$250,000 from various donors to South Mississippi seniors from 13 high schools who were deeply affected by Katrina.

"Ole Miss stepped up and layered grants, loans and scholarship money to make it possible for Coast students to join the Ole Miss family this fall," said Janie Guice, regional admissions counselor for Ole Miss. Guice was a college-bound senior at Biloxi High School when Hurricane Camille hit the Gulf Coast in 1969. The university came to her aid making it possible for her to go to Ole Miss and graduate three years later magna cum laude.

Guice, a resident of Ocean Springs, has helped students in their college quests for 23 years. Recently, she presented Gulf Coast Scholarships to South Mississippi recipients.



St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy recipients, first row: Rachel Cuevas, Laura Kergosien, Caroline Randolph, Chelsea Bradford, Melissa Cotter, Adrianna Gannon, Maggie Rafferty, Becca Werner, Lindsay Benvenuti; second row: Michael Deifik, Buddy Schulz, Brandon Butler, Gary Taylor, Matthew Milner, Dylan Drake and Brennan Marlow.

SPORTS

Basketball welcomed diversion

■ Hoops a godsend for St. Stanislaus, other schools along the Coast

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Hurricane Katrina's fury may have canceled St. Stanislaus' football season — the only Mississippi

high school that didn't finish its 2005 schedule — but the monstrous storm didn't deter boys basketball coach Jay Ladner and his Rock-a-chaws.

Although St. Stanislaus didn't tip off its season until after Christmas, the Bay St. Louis-based, all-male Catholic school was able to play 19 regular-season games

despite not having a gym and losing seven of its top 10 returning players who were displaced or transferred. They included star seniors Ludovic Dovonou (Houston, Texas), Sylvester Twiggs (Dothan, Ala.) and Owen McNally (Long Beach).

For Ladner and the Rock-a-chaws, high school hoops served as an absolute godsend this season.

"It has kindled a spirit in the community," said Ladner, whose team played its home games at nearby all-female Our Lady Academy. "The crowds have just been unbelievable. I attribute that to the resilience of the people here."

St. Stanislaus was reduced to nine varsity players, including senior Steven Duke, a team manager last season. Ladner hopes the Rock-a-chaws' storied gym, which was wrecked as the 151-year-old school sustained \$22 million of damage, can reopen next season.

"St. Stanislaus has been here since 1855," said Ladner, whose family has lived in a trailer provided by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency since Katrina roared through but plans to return to his rebuilt Pass Christian home in April.

"We've survived the Civil War,



File photo/The Clarion-Ledger

St. Stanislaus basketball coach Jay Ladner was able to have at least a shortened season this year after the chaos caused by Katrina.

the yellow fever epidemic, several fires and hurricanes. Every time, we've been able to come back and be stronger than before. We look back on our history, and that's a

motivating factor."

Gulfport was far luckier than hard-hit St. Stanislaus and other schools along the Coast. Bert Jenkins Gymnasium remained intact, and boys coach Danny Grieves' Admirals went 28-0 during the regular season.

"My players were about to scatter (in September), but basketball kept them here," Grieves said. "At that time, nobody knew if we were going to have a school."

Harrison Central's Ricky Stone — who coaches the school's boys and girls teams, guiding the Red Rebelettes to a Class 5A state championship last March — believes basketball was a desperately needed diversion from Katrina's devastation.

"We realized when the kids left school every day, they had to go home or wherever they were staying and face reality. Basketball led to some normalcy," said Stone, who lost three players to Alabama, Arizona and Louisiana.

"We have kids who were displaced or staying with other people or living in FEMA trailers. It has been a different kind of year, no doubt about that."

GULFPORT DOMINATES

Hewes rallies, advances to all-Gulfport Boys 16 tourney semifinal

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006

Tournament results
from Sunday, B-2

By **DOUG BARBER**

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GULFPORT — Henderson Hewes staged a dramatic comeback Sunday afternoon, and set up an all-Gulfport semifinal in the Boys 16 division of the Cellular South Mississippi Open Tennis Championships.

Trailing 5-1 in the third set, Hewes rallied for a 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory, one in which he also fought off two match points at the hands of third-seeded Jordan McDonald of Mandeville, La.

"It wasn't the easiest thing in the world," said the St. Stanislaus sophomore-to-be. "When you are a game away from the match, you get tight sometimes. I tried to get to them, make him hit the winning shots. I didn't want to lose it. I wanted him to win it."

Hewes fought off a pair of match points when he trailed 5-2, then caught McDonald at 5-all.

"You have to keep it in play," Hewes said. "If he hits a winner, give him credit for making the big shot. I just didn't want to make the unforced error."

McDonald took a 40-love lead at that point but again Hewes was unperturbed and broke serve to take a 6-5 lead.

"It was the first game I didn't have to win in order to keep the match going," Hewes said. "I was able to relax then I realized we were nowhere near over. Then I stepped it back up and tried to win that game."

Then the left-hander served out the match.

Hewes will now face second-seeded Jonathan Guel, who defeated Memphis' Shaun Ingram 6-1, 6-0 in their quarterfinal match. Today's semifinal match is set to start at 10 a.m.

"I've played him a couple of months ago and I won in a real tight match," Hewes said. "We're real close. We went to elementary (school) together. We go to the same clinics to practice. It should be like a friendly rivalry."

Guel goes into his semifinal having dropped only three games in the tournament.

"I played pretty well today," Guel said. "I made my approaches, my



JAMES EDWARD BATES/SUN HERALD

Henderson Hewes used a three-set win to advance in the Cellular South Mississippi Junior Open Tennis Championships at Bayou Bluff Tennis Club in Gulfport.

volleys and my serve. The first few games I tried to read him, then played my game.

The other Boys 16 semifinal pits top-seeded Alex Thomas of Tupelo against New Albany's Luke Wilson.

Two championships were decided Sunday.

Christine Figueroa of Vicksburg won the Girls 14 title, defeating Jenna Dodge of Mandeville, La., 6-1, 6-2.

Luke Blair of Ocean Springs won the Boys 10 title. In the round-robin bracket, Blair and Jackson's Hayes Dent both were 2-0 after Sunday. Dent had to forfeit Monday's deciding match to return home.

Gulfport's Cliff Gaddy advanced in the Boys 18 division, along with Aaron DeCamp, Landon Williams and Alex Thomas.

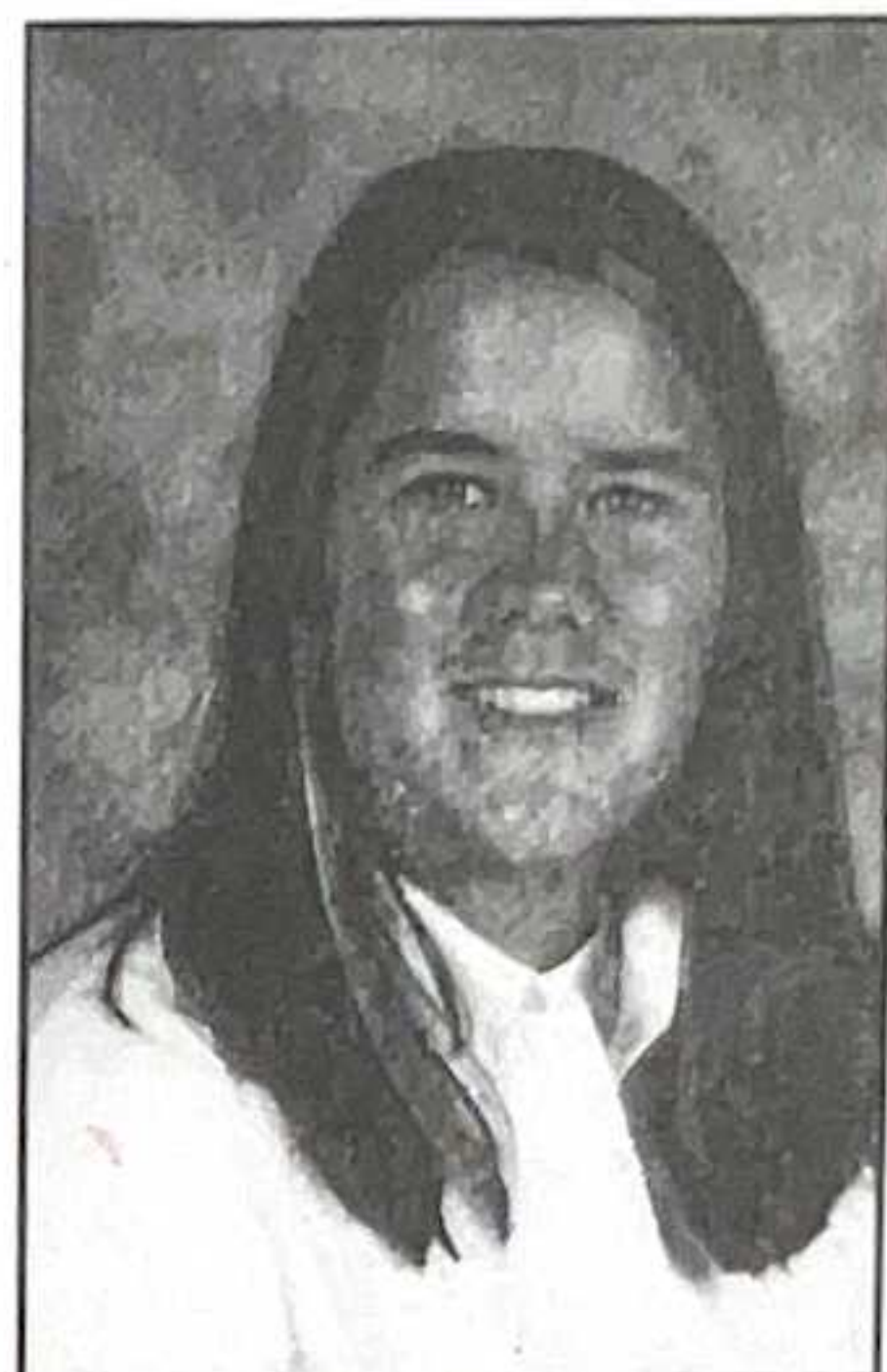
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Local students attend Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar in Jackson

Community service volunteer hours in Mississippi will increase significantly after the annual Mississippi Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar in Jackson. Two hundred twenty high school sophomores attended the Mississippi HOBY seminar held June 2-4 at Millsaps College in Jackson. HOBY's mission is to encourage high school sophomores to become active in volunteer activities that improve their communities and to provide leadership development training for the students.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation was founded by the actor following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me," explained O'Brian, "was that the most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves. From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, we created HOBY to identify, recognize and develop leadership among our nation's youth."

At the conclusion of the weekend, each student committed to perform 100 hours of volunteer service to communities across Mississippi in the coming months. The students now understand the importance of volun-



Rebekah Kennedy



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Charles Young

teer participation in community services that impact lives of the families and individuals in their local areas.

• "If each student achieves his or her 100-hour commitment, this group will invest over 23,000 hours in their communities and community service organizations across Mississippi.

That's the work equivalent of more than 11 full-time employees in a year. Can you imagine the impact these high school sophomores can have on their local communities and on our state through this outpouring of volunteer service?" said Mississippi HOBY Board of Trustees President Whit Rayner of Madison.

The program focuses on leadership, motivation, and volunteerism by exposing students to business, educational, and political leaders and by involving them, as part of their training, in service projects with such community organizations as Stewpot, Gateway Rescue

Mission, the Mississippi Food Network, Catholic Charities and similar other community service and charitable organizations in the Jackson area and in Mississippi.

HOBY students also have the opportunity to interact with Mississippi leaders including Jackson Mayor Frank Melton, Supreme Court Justice Kay Cobb, and Time Magazine's "Person of the Year" Cynthia Cooper.

Students are selected for participation in HOBY by their high schools with each public and private high school in Mississippi invited to select an outstanding student to take part in the program.

Area students who took part in this year's program and who will be volunteering for community service include Rebekah Kennedy from Our Lady Academy, Jourdan Nicaud from St. Stanislaus, and Charles Young from Hancock High School.

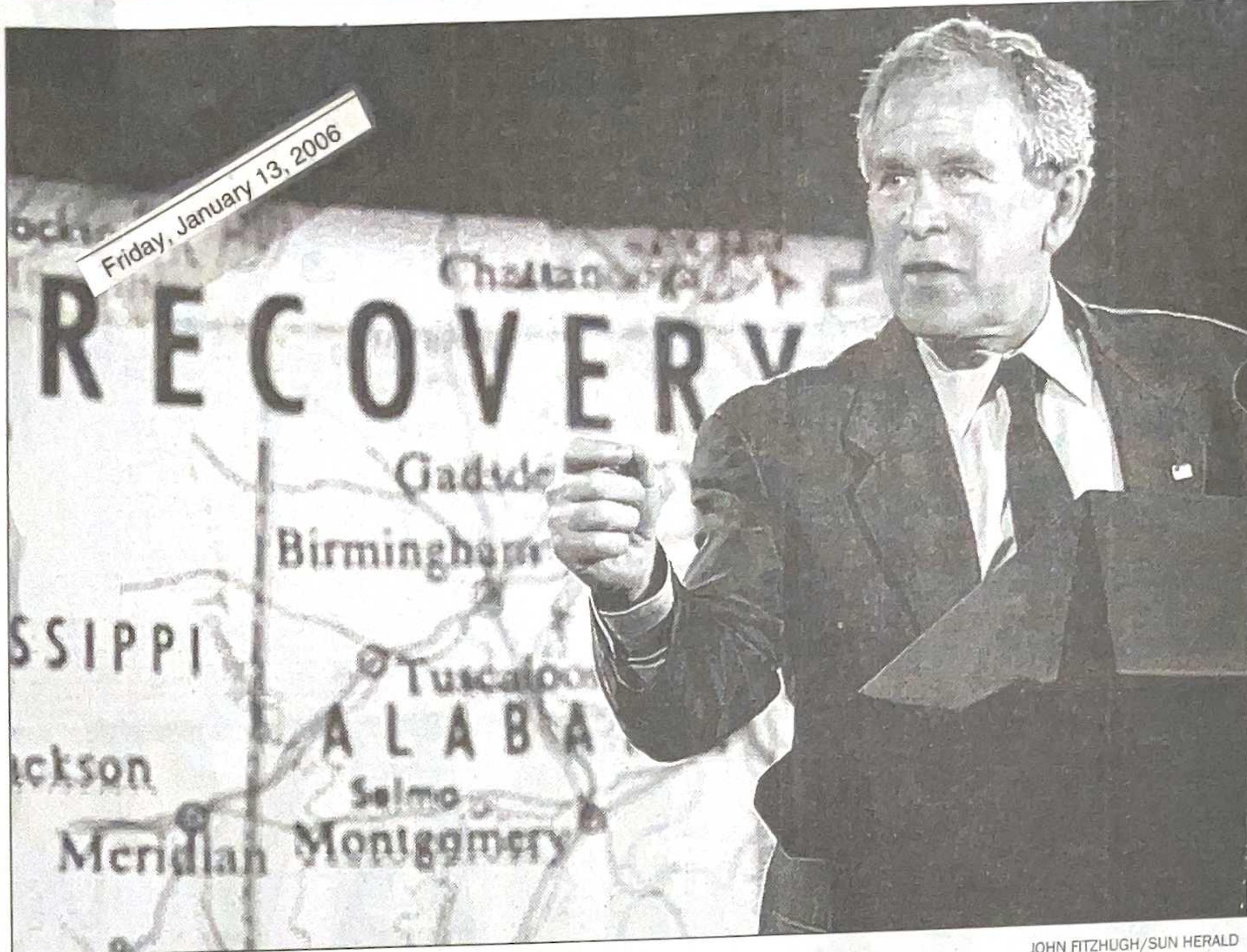
In addition to the annual leadership semi-

nars, HOBY graduates are eligible for over 85 college and university scholarships across the nation.

Funding for the leadership program is provided by businesses, foundations, civic clubs and individuals throughout the state. HOBY financial sponsors for this area include the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation and Specialty Contractors & Associates.

Information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by contacting HOBY representatives at hobyquestions@yahoo.com.

Friday, January 13, 2006



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President Bush speaks Thursday at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis.

Recovery praised

Bush says better times in store

By RYAN LAFONTAINE
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HANCOCK COUNTY — President Bush visited the hurricane-clobbered Coast Thursday, assuring residents the nation hasn't forgotten them, and predicting a building boom is on its way to Mississippi.

"People in far-away places like Washington, D.C., can still hear you and care about you," Bush told a group of residents at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis.

To get to the school, Bush traveled through Waveland past several miles of splintered trees, debris piles and empty slabs, where large beachfront mansions once stood.

"We can help repair homes in most places, but not in Waveland," he said. "There are no homes to repair; it's just been flattened."

The president praised the resolve of locals, and the strides made in Mississippi since his last visit in October.

"I can remember what was, and now what is," he said. "And, I can see what it's going to be, too; a better

Gulf Coast and Mississippi."

Rebuilding South Mississippi will be a job led by the private sector, but the federal government will continue to help, Bush said, with still more than \$60 billion of the \$85 billion in federal relief funds "on the way."

The President vowed to continue working with local leaders and officials from Gov. Haley Barbour's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal.

"I want to thank you for showing the rest of our country what it means to survive an incredible hardship with high spirits."

President Bush

The rebuilding process will be long, but exciting, Bush said, promising to make sure the added jobs go to Mississippians.

Donald Powell, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., was appointed by the Bush administration last month to oversee federal disaster recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast.

Powell, who accompanied Bush

Thursday, will work with local universities to create specialized programs that give local workers the skills to do the added jobs.

Bush said he recognized "rough spots" in the initial response to Katrina, saying the storm taught many lessons.

"We've learned some lessons about how to respond," he said. "We've learned a lot of lessons from Katrina, and we're going to change some things."

One of the first moves from the federal government was to deposit \$2,000 into the bank accounts of thousands of victims. More than 700,000 families were given rental assistance. Nearly 80,000 families were in hotel rooms, and Bush said, "We became the largest consumer of trailers in the world."

Bush complimented state leaders on their determination to get Community Development Block Grants to help insured homeowners who did not have flood insurance, but whose residences were destroyed.

"(Gov. Barbour) took the CDBG grants to do what many believe the insurance companies should have done a long time ago," Bush said.

"I want to thank you for showing the rest of our country what it means to survive an incredible hardship with high spirits," he said.

Bay nips SSC at the buzzer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers (6-7, 2-2) and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (2-4, 0-1) renewed their crosstown rivalry on January 6th at the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium in front of a standing-room-only crowd.

For 32 minutes, the crowd was treated to an exciting and physical matchup between the two schools that are separated by just a mile of real estate.

The game was played on the campus of Our Lady Academy due to the damage that both schools incurred during Hurricane Katrina. Bay High does not have a home gymnasium while SSC is playing in the OLA gym across the street from the all-boys school.

Bay High head coach Will Seymour commented, "This was a huge win for the program - the biggest win I have been associated with. My hat's off to Jay Ladner and the Rock-a-chaws for such a tremendous game for the community. This is one where you hate to see a team lose. It was electric for the coaches, players and fans. It was the type of game that this community needed considering all that has happened in the past four months to the community and both schools."

The game started out at full-throttle and was non-stop until the final buzzer.

The Rocks and the Tigers were tied 14-14 at the end of the first period. The Rocks enjoyed a 26-24 lead at the break.

Following a fast-paced third period, the Tigers enjoyed a 36-34 lead over SSC.

The final period was no different from the first three. However, Quincy Hall of Bay High enjoyed the most success as he scored seven of the Tigers' nine points in

the final frame including the game-winning trey with :01 left on the clock.

The Rocks took a 43-42 lead with 1:42 remaining on a Rick Dubuisson putback. The Rocks got the rebound off a missed Tiger shot and held the ball until the :09 mark when they were fouled.

The Rocks missed the front end of a 1-and-1 and the Tigers got the rebound. After a timeout, Brent Robinson brought the ball to the top of the key for Bay High where he dished to Hall in the wing who ripped the net for the game winner with no time left.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We got the ball back up by one and had a senior at the line. We missed the front end and didn't get the rebound. Quincy Hall made a big shot for them. We have gotten better each week. We just need to get back to work and keep getting better. The atmosphere was a great one for all those involved. Both teams played very hard and it was very entertaining for the fans that packed the gym."

Mike Rice led the way for all scorers with 18 points while Quincy Hall paced the Tigers with 13 points.

On Saturday afternoon, the Rocks hosted St. Bernard/Chalmette Unified School. SSC won the contest 68-54 behind Mike Rice's 25 points. Jeremiah Morgan added 12 points in the win. SSC was down at halftime 32-30.

Ladner continued, "I was very proud of our effort especially bouncing back from a gut-wrenching loss less than 24 hours earlier. We played our best basketball of the year in the third period as we outscored them 32-7."

An 8th and 9th grade game was played following the varsity game. The 8th grade Rocks lost

36-35 to John Curtis. Anthony Boswell scored 13 points followed by Eric Lynch's 10 points.

In 9th grade action, the Rocks pulled away late to win 58-45. Marcus Johnson scored 18 points to lead SSC followed by Bryon Butler with 15 and Mario Martinez with 12 points.

Kelton Thompson, head coach of the 8th and 9th grade Rocks, commented, "This is only their second game. We are just asking that the teams play with great effort and work hard in practice. As we get deeper into the season, the future will begin to look brighter for them."

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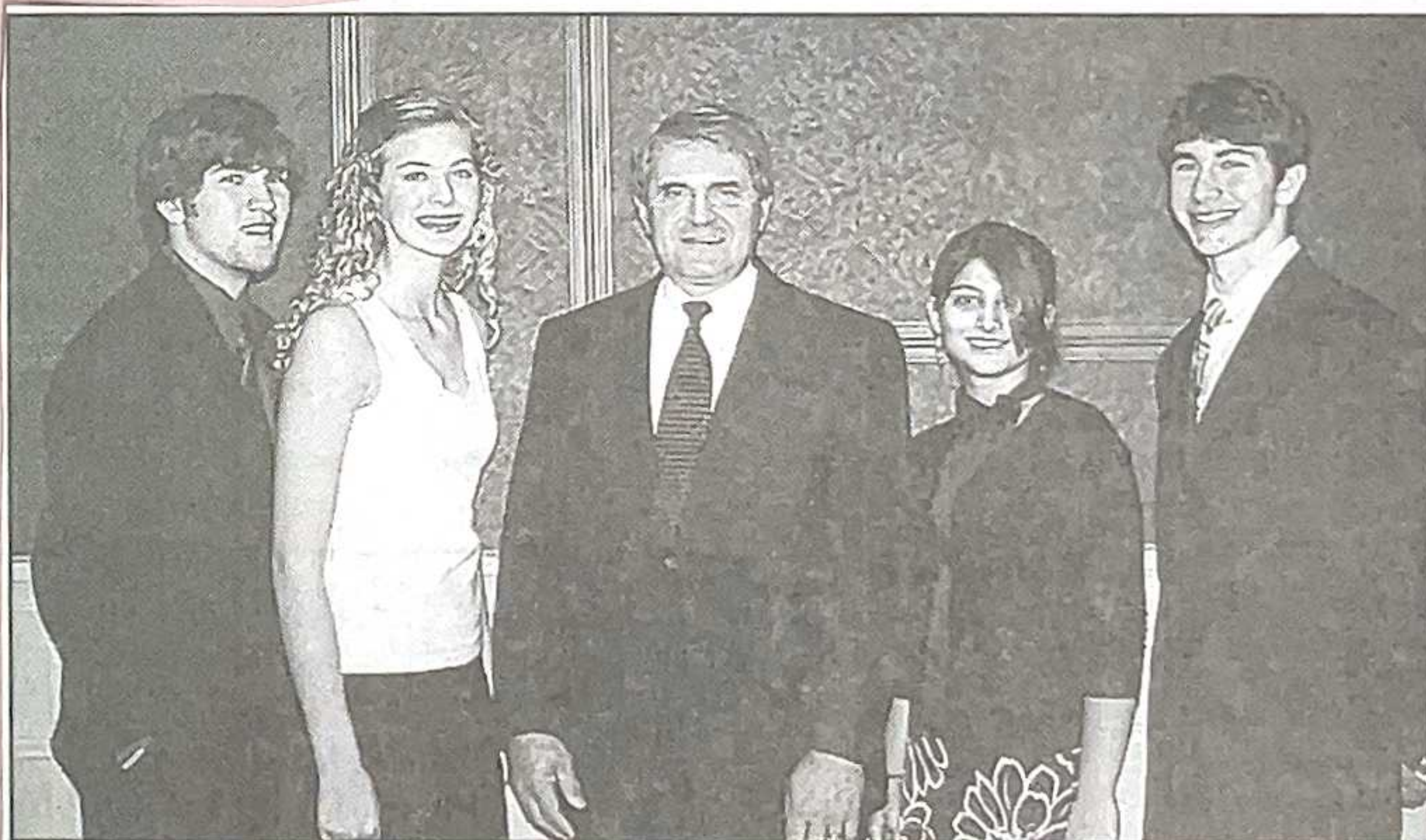
St. Stanislaus College would like to send a sincere "Thank You" to our Patrons and Volunteers for helping make this year's Rockin' the Globe a Great Success!

Over 500 tickets sold! And over \$40,000 raised for the S.S.C. Athletic Program!

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Power to the young people



Students Martin McCoy and Hayley Alexander, both of Long Beach High School, Swathi Iyengar of Mercy Cross High School and Stephen Passman of St. Stanislaus meet with Coast Electric Executive Vice President and CEO Robert Occhi, center. The students were chosen to represent Coast Electric Power Association in the Rural Electric Youth Tour program and recently traveled to Washington for a national conference to watch government at work, tour the city and learn about electric cooperatives. More than 1,400 students from across the nation participated in the weeklong event. In addition, the South Mississippi students also took part in the 20th annual Mississippi Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson, sponsored by the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi. The workshop allowed students to hear motivational speakers, take part in team-building exercises, meet elected officials and see legislators in action. At the Jackson workshop, Alexander was selected to represent Mississippi at Youth Tour events and conferences throughout the country. She will travel to Lincoln, Neb., later this year to compete against students from across the nation to become the national spokesperson for the Youth Tour program.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2006



Former SSC quarterback Lance Cuevas split his senior season between St. Stanislaus and Fairhope, Al. Cuevas will suit up this year for the #1 ranked junior college in America, the Pearl River Community College Wildcats.

SSC's Cuevas ready for 'The River'

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

At this time last year, the future was very bright for then St. Stanislaus quarterback Lance Cuevas. Cuevas was coming off of the most productive season any SSC quarterback had ever had. In the 2004 campaign, he threw for 28 touchdowns and more than 2,400 yards leading the Rocks to their first playoff victory in decades.

As his senior season approached, so did the college coaches who were attracted to his strong arm and knowledge of a complex passing system.

"We had high hopes," he said Tuesday. "We really had a good team last year."

Unfortunately for Cuevas, he only got to suit up one more time for the Rocks as Hurricane Katrina struck just three days after a season opening victory.

Cuevas did get to play a little more football, however, as he moved to

Fairhope, Al., and stayed with his uncle.

"I had a decent year in Fairhope. I met a lot of good people over there, it was a good experience at a bad time."

Cuevas returned to Stanislaus after his team was knocked out of the playoffs and he graduated with his class this spring.

While Cuevas did not sign with a division one college, he did get an offer from the Pearl River Wildcats.

Over the past decade, Pearl River has turned its football program into a national junior college powerhouse.

The Wildcats won the national championship in 2005, and last season won the state championship with only one loss. This year, the Wildcats enter the season with the number one ranking in the nation.

"Losing touch with some of the coaches I was talking to may have had an effect on my recruiting," he said. "I

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can't think about that now. I am happy to be here, this is a great program and my job is to help this team no matter what. My goal is to bring another national title to Pearl River."

Although he has only attended a few practices, he said he is impressed

by what he sees in his new team.

"We really have some great athletes," Cuevas said. I have got a lot of work ahead of me."

He said he his strengths as a quarterback are thanks in large part to his former offensive coordinator Stu

Rayburn.

"Coach Rayburn taught me how to make good decisions and read defenses," he said. "I really learned a lot from him."

Cuevas said practices start on Aug 9, and he is hopeful to compete for a starting position.

7/14/06 BAY ST. LOUIS Utah, Kentucky senators get look at life on Coast

U.S. Sens. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, and Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., visited Bay St. Louis on July 14.

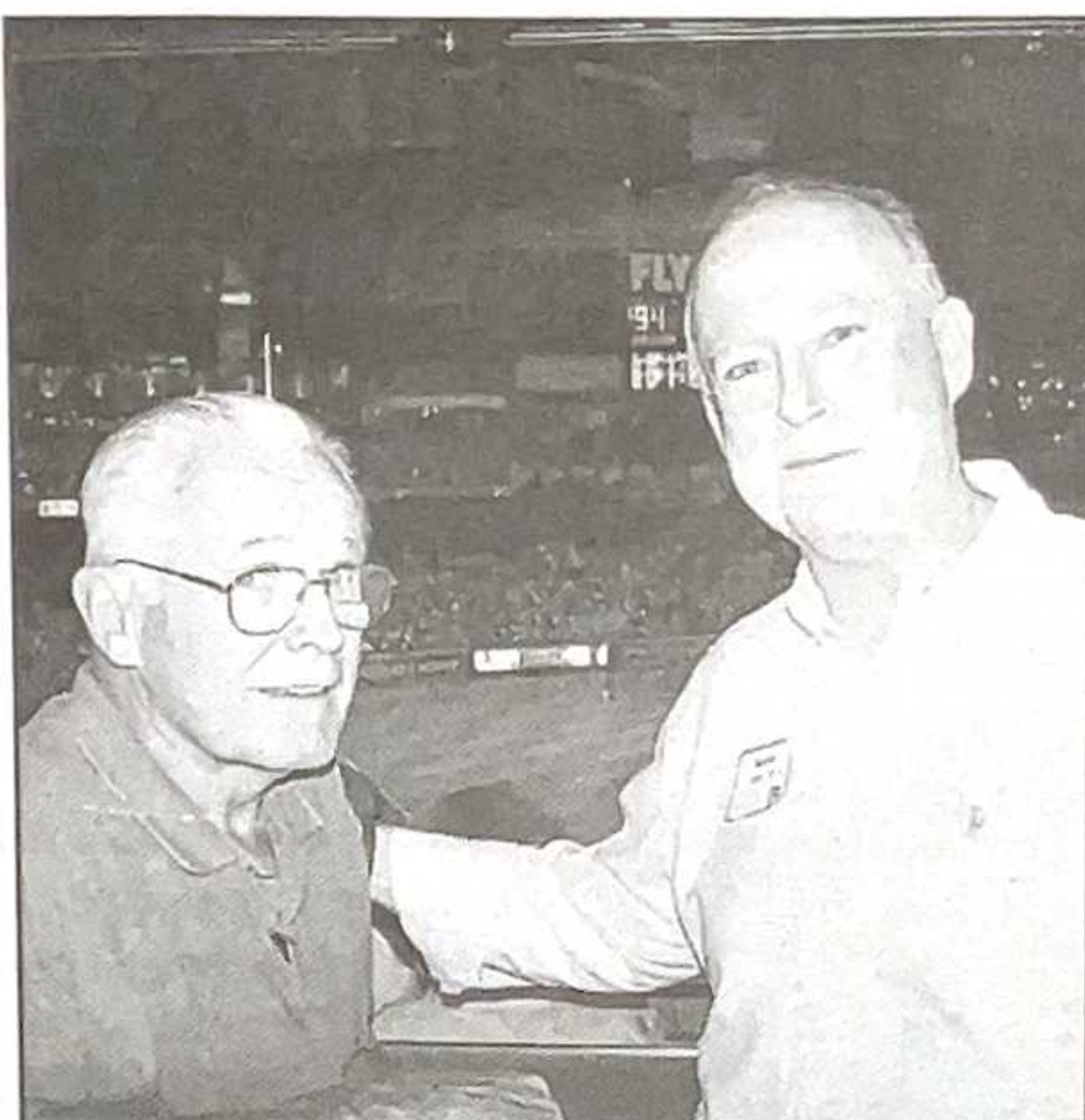
The two senators met Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre on the front lawn of St. Stanislaus College to discuss the city's recovery and rebuilding efforts.

The senators spoke with Brother Ronald Hingle, president of SSC, about damage to the school and the progress that has been made since the storm. Even with an estimated \$19.3 million in damages, the school opened, along with its neighboring school, Our Lady Academy on Nov. 1.

This was the first visit for the senators, who sit on the Senate's Appropriations Committee. They wanted to see firsthand how the rebuilding effort was progressing. The Senate Appropriations Committee oversees the funding for the Homeland Security Department that manages FEMA.

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SSC alumni gather in Atlanta



Brother Joseph Donovan, S.C., left, catches up with former resident student Marty Tighe '79 during the S.S.C. Alumni gathering at Turner Field on May 13.



L-r, Michael Sheehy '70, Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., and Christopher Wegmann discuss the rebuilding of St. Stanislaus College after Hurricane Katrina.

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association took to the airways May 13 and landed in Atlanta for a gathering of alumni and friends in the metro area.

The association sponsored an event that was hosted by Christopher J. Wegmann, SSC Class of 1970, at the Cox Radio Group of Atlanta building. Wegmann is a vice-president and market manager for Cox Radio Group.

"The alumni association began taking trips to various locations last school year where we have a concentration of alumni and friends," said SSC Alumni Association president Joseph Gex, II. "The purpose of the event is to bring St. Stanislaus to alumni and friends since they may live too far away for a Friday night football game, a reunion or other school function. We want to keep people informed of what is going on at the school. It has been a successful venture for us as we have made trips to Houston and Pensacola. Also, we

have included day trips to Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Furthermore, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina it is imperative that we let our alumni and friends know what has happened to the school and that we are not going anywhere."

According to Gex, future trips may take the association to cities such as Chicago, New York, Lafayette, Jackson, Memphis and Nashville among others.

"St. Stanislaus is extremely grateful to Chris Wegmann and his wife Eva for their assistance in hosting this wonderful event. The alumni and friends were treated to tremendous hospitality, delicious food and lots of fun and reminiscing," Gex said.

The group was also treated to a night of Atlanta Braves baseball in the Cox Radio Group's suite at Turner Field. The Braves played host to the Washington Nationals.

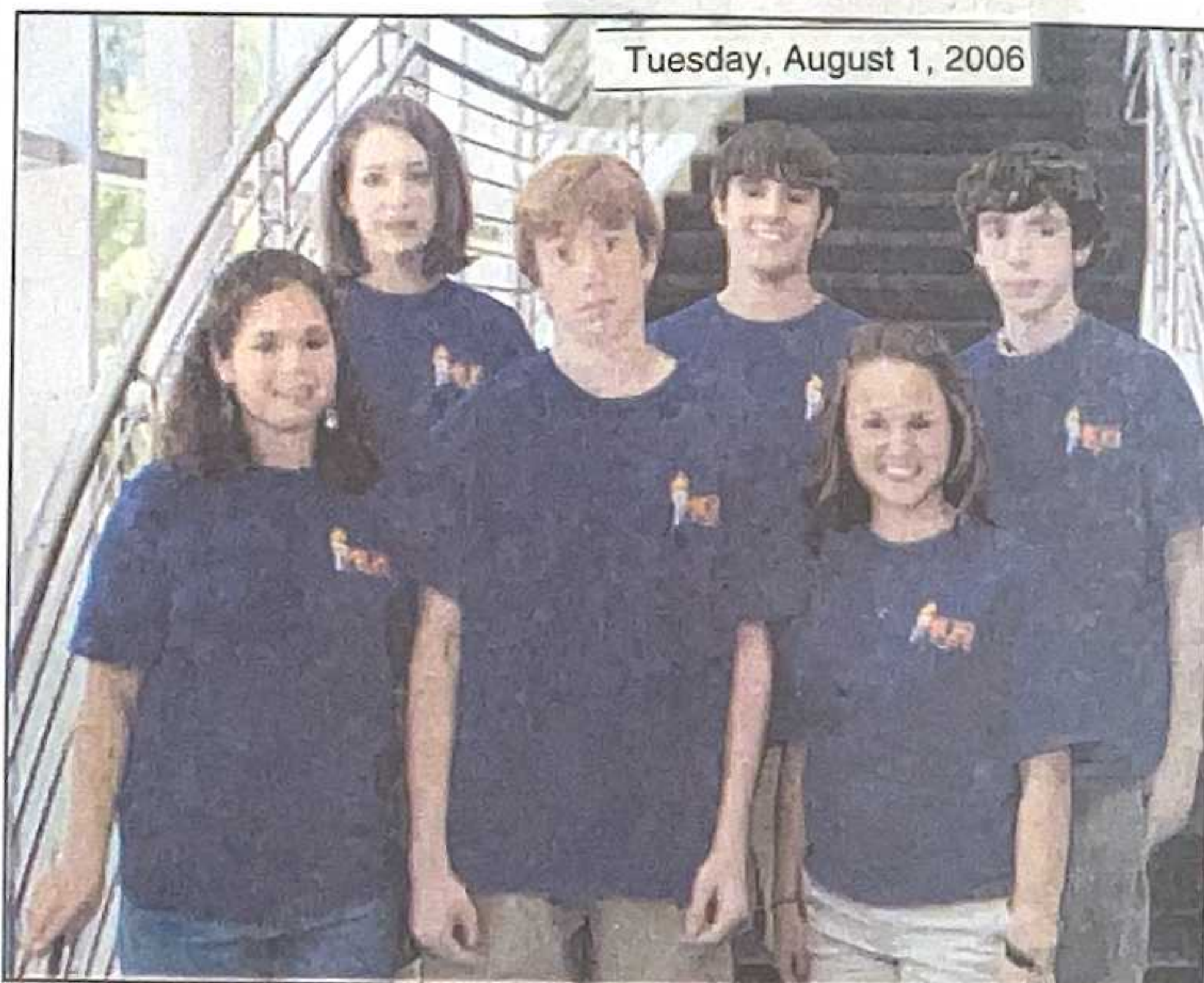
Members attending the function in Atlanta were Mr.

and Mrs. John Sheehy (class of 1938), Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sheehy (class of 1970), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Monti (class of 1970), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kochansky (class of 1989), Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wegmann (class of 1970), Marty Tighe (class of 1979) and son Brendan, Frank Tighe (class of 1980) and son Patrick, Jack Dresher (class of 1950), Richard Gleber (class of 1989, SSC public relations), Michael Reso (SSC Development Director), Joseph W. Gex, II (class of 1988, SSC Alumni Association President), Brother Ronald Talbot (SSC President), Brother Ronald Hingle (SSC Principal) and Brother Joseph Donovan (retired SSC prefect and Hall of Fame member).

The St. Stanislaus Alumni Association was formed in 1908 with the mission of fostering an on-going spirit of union between the alumni and their alma mater.

Governor's School attendees

South Mississippi students at the 26th session of the Mississippi Governor's School at Mississippi University for Women were among the 111 rising juniors and seniors representing 41 counties and 85 high schools in the three-week residential honors program. The program is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences. During the program, students are enrolled in major



courses such as cloning, guitar studies, comedy improvisation, sports and business. MUW's program was established in 1981 by Gov. William F. Winter and administrators. Local students, from left, front row: Amy Gemelli, Our Lady Academy; James R. Barker and Lindsay Freeman, both of St. Martin High School; back row: Jessica Kelley, St. John High School; Nicholas Xavier Santos, St. Stanislaus College; and Joseph Simpson, St. John High School.

Sports

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

Rocks sneak past Pirates

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws tallied their first division 8-4A win of the season on Friday night against the Pass Christian Pirates 62-57 at the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "This was a nice win for us. There are things we need to improve on, continually. However, with a young team like we have I am very pleased with the progress to date. With the exception of Mike Rice, most of our players are getting their varsity experience in a crash course. Tonight's atmosphere was a good one for both teams. It was loud and you could feel it. This was a good win against a talented team. The chemistry on the floor is starting to flow for us. We are not where we need to be but I am pleased with the progress since we had no summer practice, a fall practice or pre-season schedule with the team that we put on the floor."

SSC jumped out to a 12-12 lead at the end of the first period behind the hot hand of Brandon Butler who had 11 points in the opening period.

The Rocks maintained a 30-26 lead at intermission. Pass Christian took their first lead since the opening basket at the 4:25 mark of the third period when Shane Bowser knocked down a three-pointer to make the

score 36-35.

It was a wild fourth period for the Rocks as Mike Rice fouled out with 2:46 left to play. Brian Rice nailed two free throws in the waning seconds following consecutive intentional fouls by the Pirates to seal the win.

Pass Christian head coach Buddy Kennedy stated, "Being athletic does not make a good basketball team. Right now, we are not a good team. We are not communicating and listening to what needs to be done. Hopefully, we can regroup and get back to work."

Mike Rice led the Rocks with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Brandon Butler added 16 points in the win.

Armond Porter led Pass Christian with 16 points followed by Shane Bowser with 11 points.

In other recent basketball action, the Bay High Tigers defeated Poplarville in division action on Friday, January 13th 94-64.

Brent Robinson and Quincy Hall led the Tigers with 24 points each followed by Donovan Clark and Robert Labat with 11 points each. Jason Sims rounded out the double-digit scorers with 10 points.

On Saturday, January 14th the Tigers (7-8, 3-2) dropped a division game to the Pass Christian Pirates (8-7) 68-62. Willis Brownlee

scored 17 points followed by Reggie McIntosh with 12 points to lead the Pirates.

The Rocks (4-4, 1-1) defeated the Chalmette Owls 76-61 behind the scorching hand of Brandon Butler who scored a career high 35 points on eight three-pointers.

Mike Rice added 19 points followed by Rick Dubuisson with 10 points.

The Pass Christian Lady Pirates held on for a 49-45 win over the Lady Indians of Biloxi. Hillary Dedeaux scored 19 points to lead a trio of double-digit scorers for Pass Christian. Nicole Wittmann added 13 points followed by Mykea Hall with 10 points.

The Hancock Hawks dropped a close game with Northeast Jones 49-43 in Kiln on Friday night. Noah Heitzmann led Hancock with 14 points followed by Drew Malley with 11 points and 5 rebounds.

In soccer action, the Biloxi Lady Indians dropped OLA 2-0 on Friday night while the Rocks defeated Picayune in division action 2-1 in overtime. Henderson Hewes scored in regulation to force overtime. Eric Cranford scored the game winner.

Also on Friday night, The Long Beach Lady

Bearcats defeated the Lady Pirates 6-0 while the Gulfport Admirals won 9-1 over Hancock.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws traveled to Picayune on Tuesday, January 17th while Bay High tangled with the Long Beach Bearcats. Hancock was idle in high school basketball action on Tuesday. Full details of the games will appear in Saturday's edition.

On Friday, January 20th the Tigers travel to St. Martin High School while Hancock heads to Biloxi. The Rocks will host Pearl River Central.

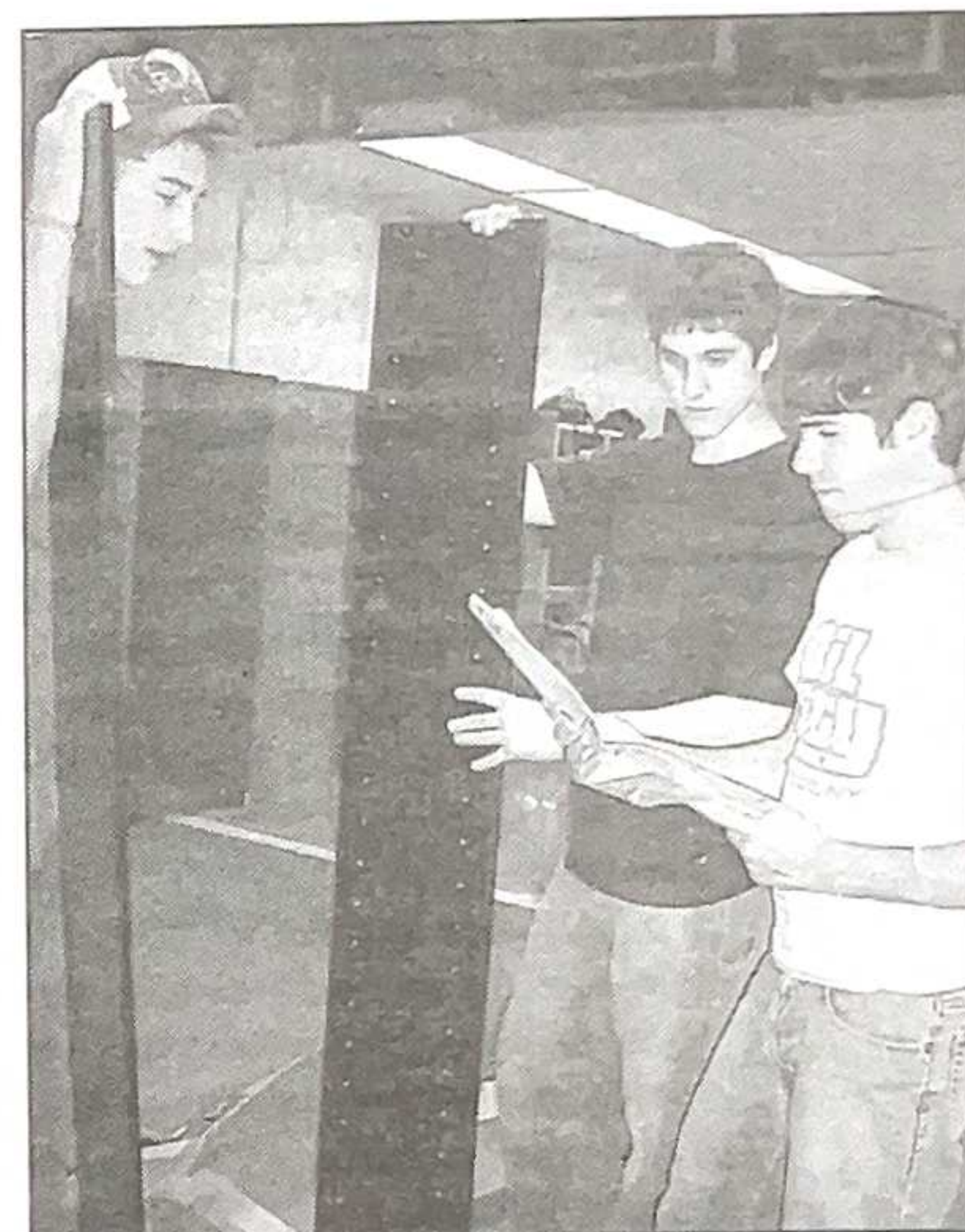
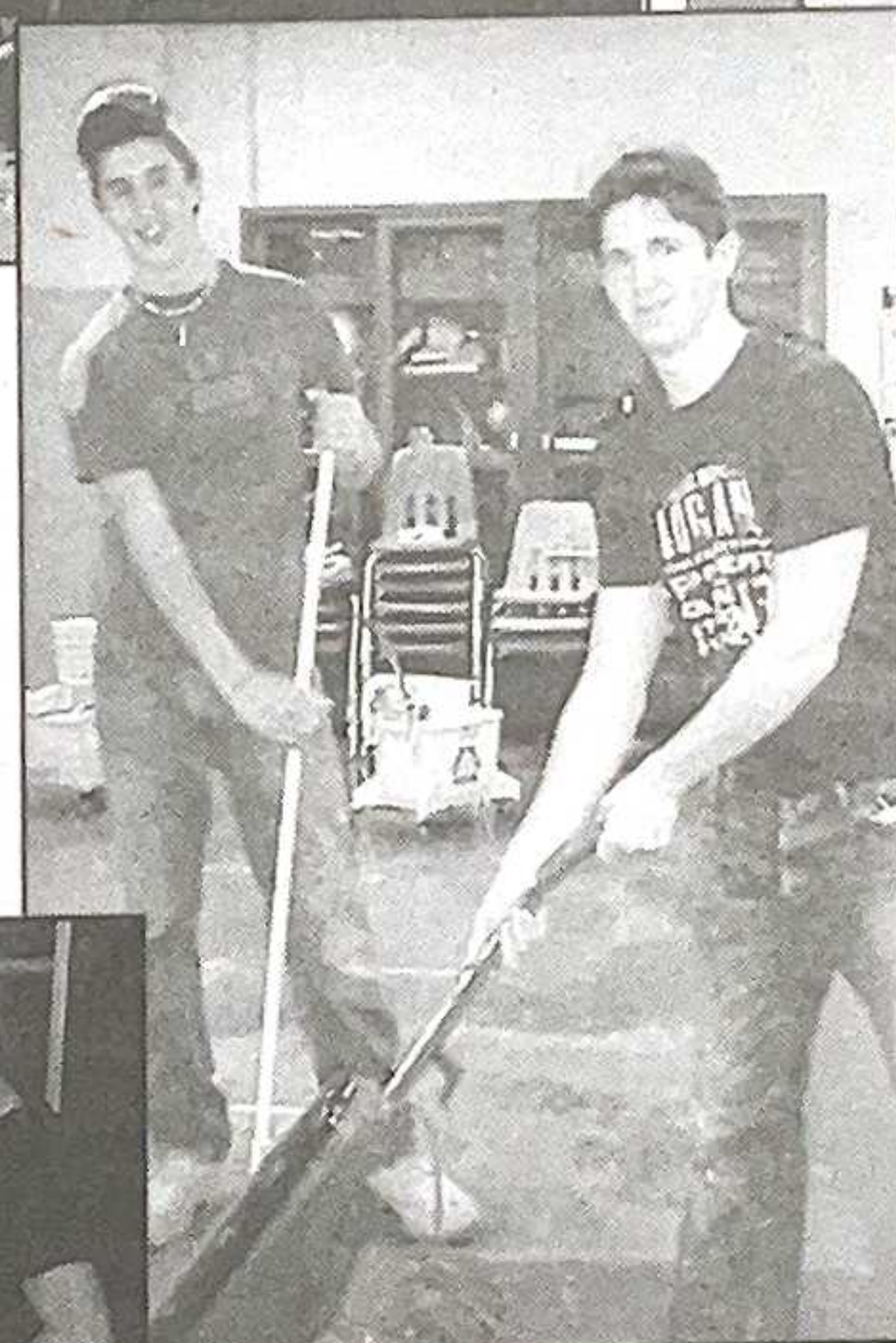
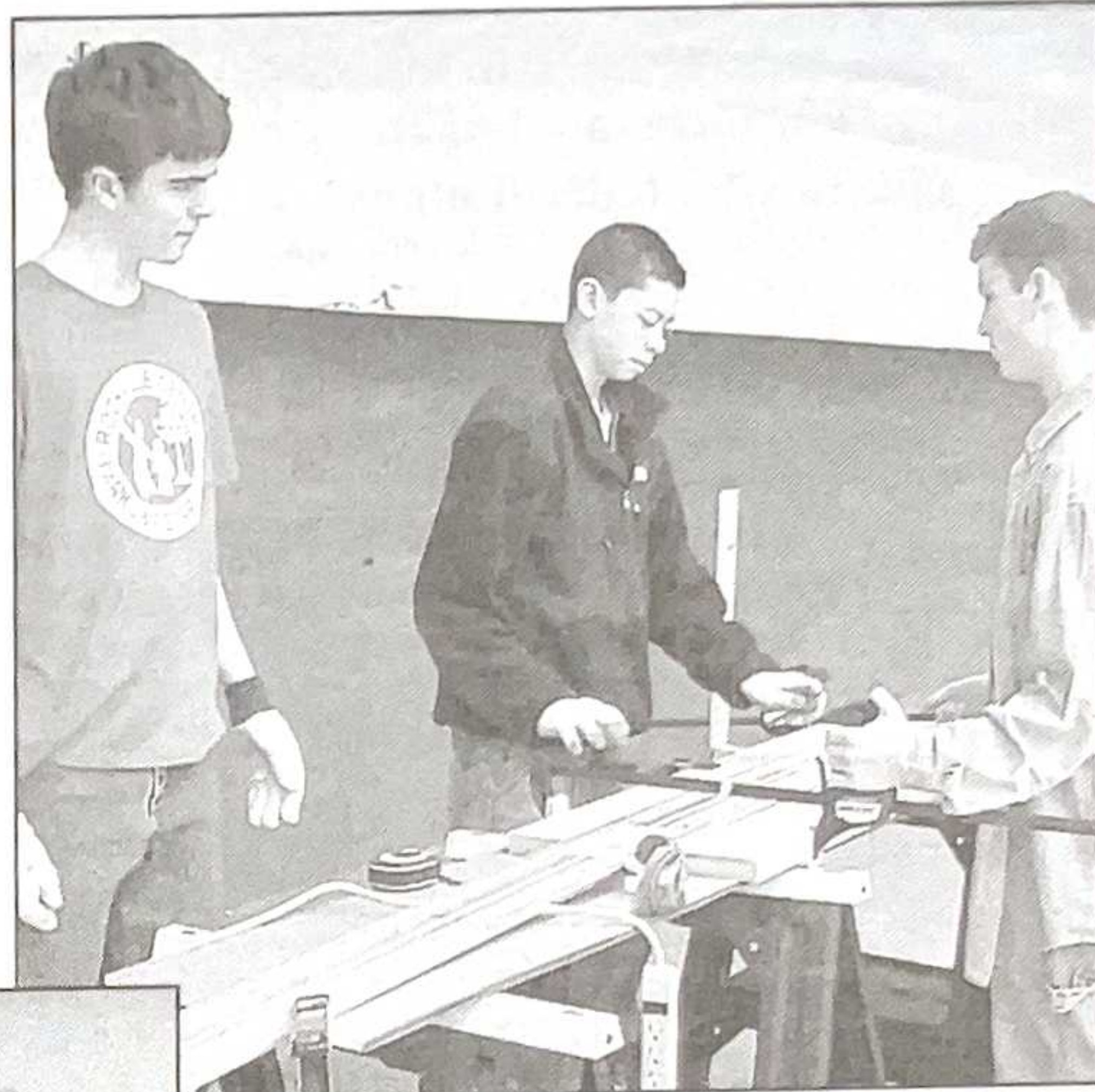
In soccer action, the Hancock Hawks will travel to Harrison Central while the Bay High Tigers are set to tangle with Picayune at home.

OLA played host to Perry Central on Tuesday night and travel to St. John on Friday, January 20th.

The Rocks played Pass Christian on Tuesday evening and will play host to Long Beach on Friday night.

If I had a hammer....

New York high school volunteers help rebuild, repair St. Stanislaus



Photos by
Shirley Henderson

By Lena Pennino
Long Island Catholic

Twenty-one students and six adults from the two Marianist high schools in New York—Chaminade in Mineola and Kellenberg Memorial in Uniondale—recently used their carpentry skills to help repair a Mississippi school damaged when Hurricane Katrina pounded the shores there with 20 foot waves and 140 miles per hour wind.

St. Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis — a school for junior high and high school students run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart — sustained about \$22 million dollars worth of damage.

The Long Island students, four

Brothers and two laymen spent their winter vacation, Feb. 18-25, at St. Stanislaus enlarging a library, reconstructing ticket booths, crafting an altar and ambo, setting up a new carpentry shop, and building storage closets for maintenance supplies.

The work was rooted in faith, as they began each day with Morning Prayer and Mass.

"The entire pilgrimage was an experience of grace following upon grace," said Marianist Father Garrett Long. "The grace of the generous response of faculty and students to go on the pilgrimage ... the grace of our union in prayer and the Eucharist; the grace of witnessing the concern and dedication

to continue Catholic education of youth in the midst of overwhelming handicaps; the grace of God's blessing on the work of our hands; the grace of our fellowship together as a pilgrim community."

The men were rewarded for their hard work with a taste of Southern Hospitality: homemade crawfish étouffée, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. "Part of being down there was to be with the people," said Brother John Sandrowicz, a math teacher at Kellenberg. "There is an overwhelming feeling that now that Hurricane Katrina is no longer front page news that they will be forgotten. We spent some time talking with people and that meant the

world to them."

The volunteer-students from Chaminade and Kellenberg were hand-picked for their skills in carpentry they learned from previous Marianist construction projects, explained Brother John. "The Marianist Brothers live by the work of our hands. It is part of our vow of poverty. We don't hire someone else to do projects. We do it on our own, using our time and talents."

We dubbed the trip "St. Joseph's pilgrimage," said Brother John. "St. Joseph was a carpenter. He took care of his family; we are taking care of ours."

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006

SSC cheerleaders compete at camp

The St. Stanislaus College Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading squads will compete at the Universal Cheerleading Academy camp on the campus of the University of Mississippi from July 20-23. Mrs. Teresa St. Mary coaches both the J.V. and Varsity squads.

The Junior Varsity squad is comprised of Hannah Anderson, Kaitlin Collins, Elizabeth Currie, Kitty Holland, Alexis Leach, Angela Li, Nicole Miketinas, Paige Muse, Megan Sando, Whitney St. Mary, and Kasey

Woodson.

The members of the Varsity squad are Ariel Bissell, Kaitlyn Bosley, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Kelsey Cannon, Caroline Eagen, Morgan Gibbens, Morgan Hansell, Katie Hector, Katy Kenny, Courtney Klein, Lizzy Milner, Rebecca Murray, Jaimie Reisch, Karli Renz, Miriam Taylor, and Victoria Williams.

Saint Stanislaus College, forming Men of Character since 1854, is a Catholic residency and day school for boys in grades six through twelve located in Bay St. Louis.



JV Cheerleaders: Front Row (l to r): Kitty Holland, Kasey Woodson, Whitney St. Mary, Kaitlin Collins, and Elizabeth Currie. Back Row (l to r): Paige Muse, Alexis Leach, Nicole Miketinas, Mrs. Teresa St. Mary (J.V. & Varsity Cheerleading Coach), Megan Sando, Hannah Anderson, and Angela Li.

Varsity Cheerleaders: Front Row (l to r): Morgan Hansell, Kelsey Cannon, Karli Renz, Miriam Taylor, Lizzy Milner, Ariel Bissell, Morgan Gibbens and Katie Hector. Back Row (l to r): Victoria Williams, Katy Kenny, Caroline Eagen, Rebecca Murray, Kaitlyn Bosley, Jaimie Reisch, Elizabeth Bourgeois, and Courtney Klein.



All American Basketball School set at St. Stanislaus for next week

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006

By Joseph W. Gex, II
Staff Writer

The annual All American Basketball School is set for July 24-27 on the campus of St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis.

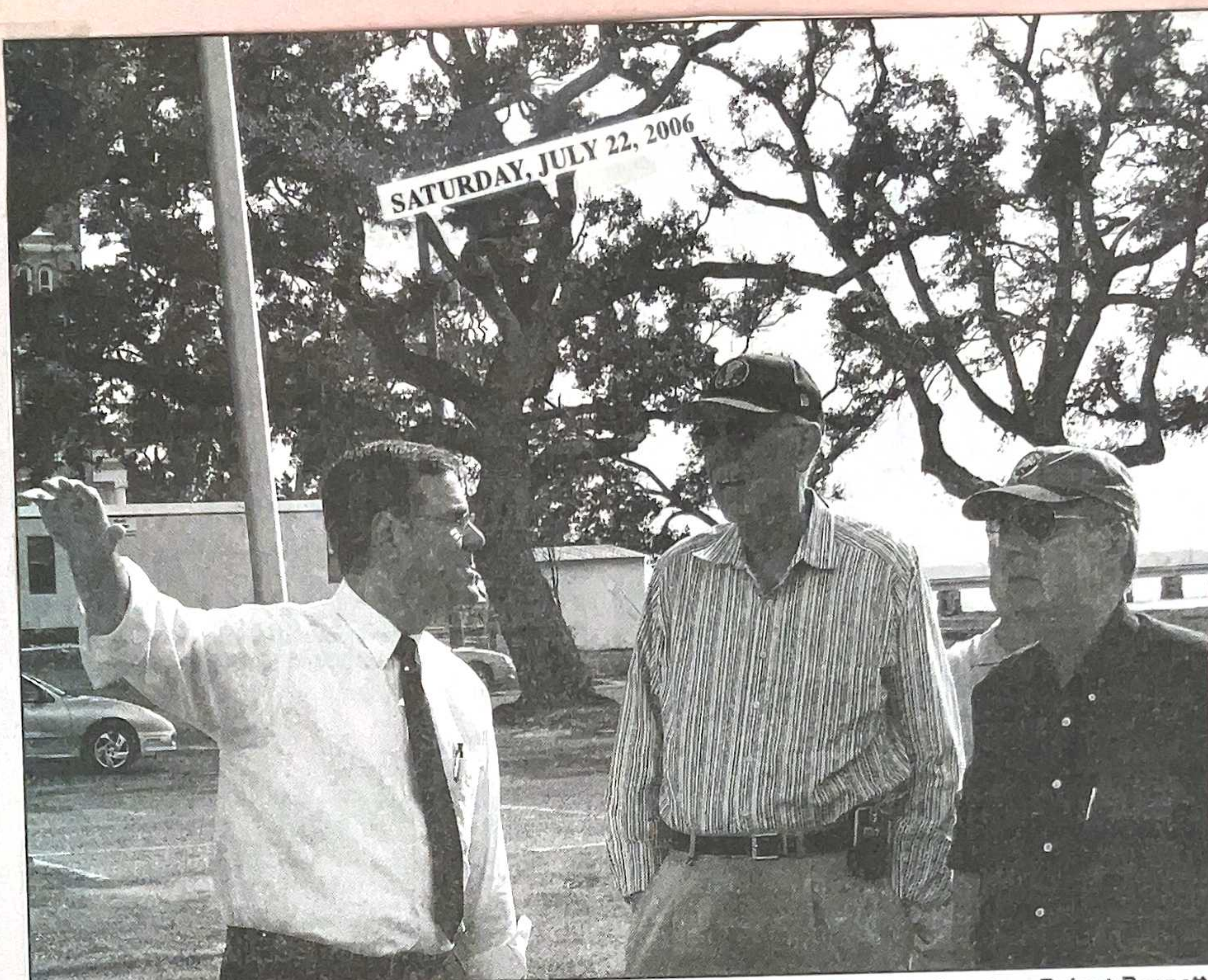
The camp is open to boys and girls age 5 thru

graduating seniors. The girls will have camp daily from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The boys' camp runs daily from 5:30pm until 8:30pm.

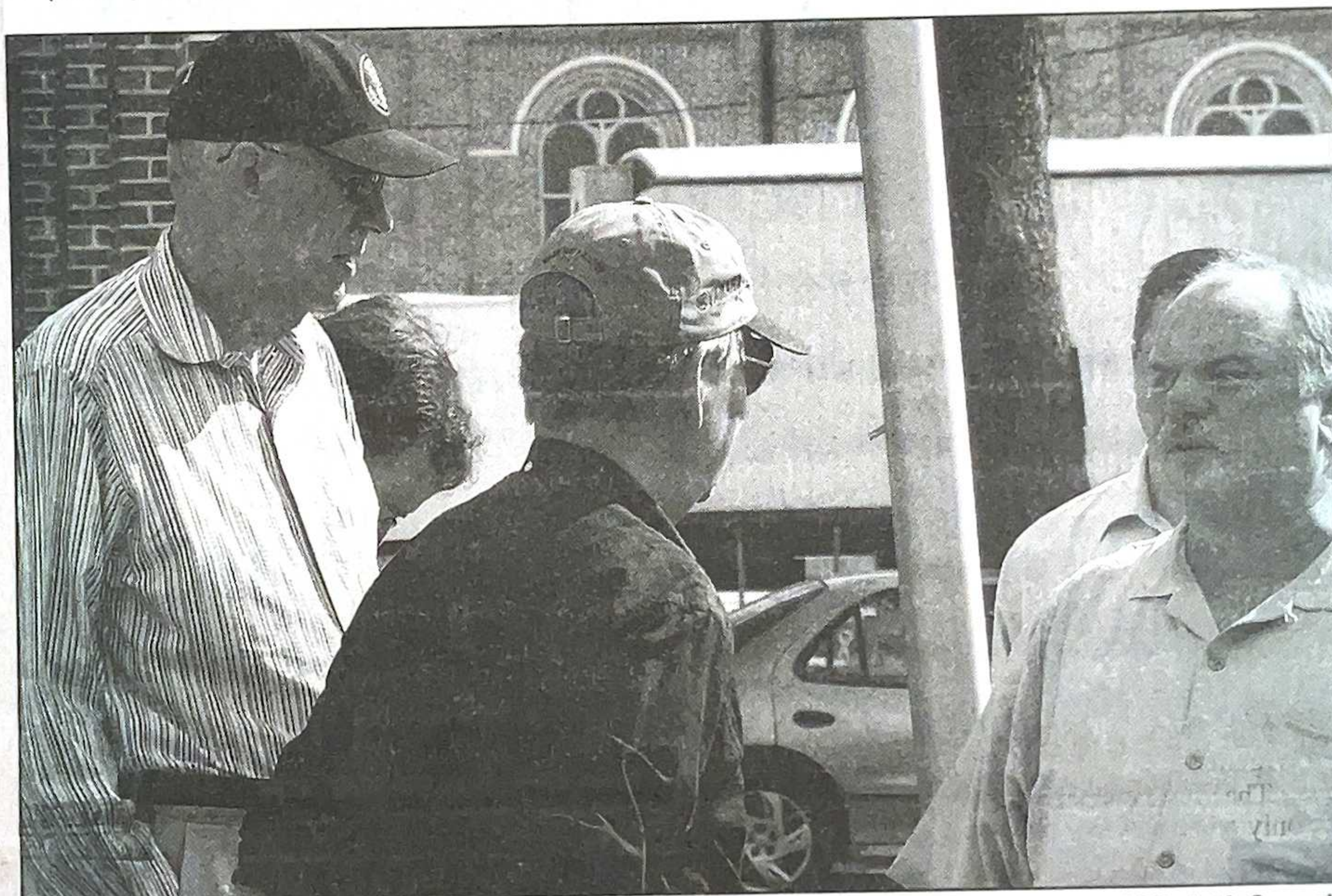
The cost of the camp is \$75 per camper and the fee includes a camp t-shirt. Registration for

the camp will begin one hour prior to the beginning of the first day of camp.

For more information on the camp, please contact Jay Ladner at 228-323-4530.



Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, president of Saint Stanislaus College, (left) explains to Senators Robert Bennett-UT (center) and Mitch McConnell-KY (right) the height of the surge from Hurricane Katrina.



Bay St. Louis, MS Mayor Eddie Favre (right) talks to Senators Robert Bennett R-UT (left) and Mitch McConnell R-KY (center) about the town's recovery and rebuilding effort.

Senators Bennett, McConnell stop by Stanislaus on tour of Bay

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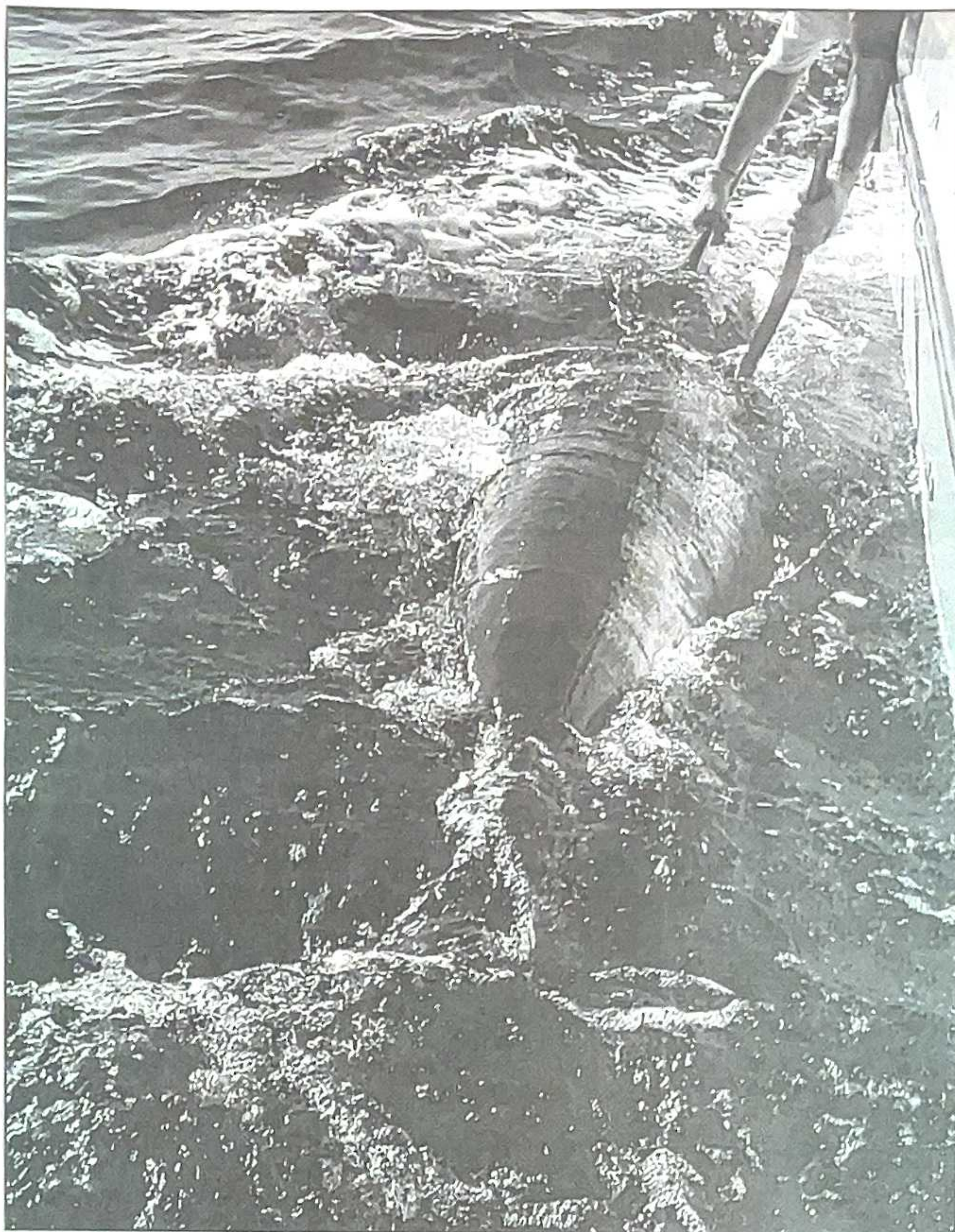
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spoke with Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, president of Saint Stanislaus College, about the damage sustained to the school and the progress that has been made since the storm. Even with an estimated \$19.3 million dollars in damages the school opened in conjunction with its neighboring school Our Lady Academy on November 1, 2005.

This was the first visit for both Senators Bennett and McConnell to the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Both senators, who sit on the Senate's Appropriations Committee, wanted to see first hand how the rebuilding effort was progressing. The Senate Appropriations Committee oversees the funding for the Homeland Security

Department that manages the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rimmer Covington, a St. Stanislaus graduate, caught and released this possible record breaker blue marlin.

CAUGHT, RELEASED

Possible record holder too beautiful to kill

By AL JONES

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Rimmer Covington Jr. has always had a vision of landing a huge blue marlin, one that would hurt the back of most Americans and physically drain others.

The 2000 St. Stanislaus graduate came face to face with his vision two weeks ago.

The marlin, 136½ inches long and perhaps a new Gulf of Mexico record, is still swimming its warm waters.

But Covington and his crew did land the marlin, and took a few photos before tagging the monster and releasing it.

Despite a chance of their names landing in the record book, the crew decided to let the fish swim away.

"It's very possible that it could have been a Gulf record," Covington, a boat captain for Reel Peace Charters out of Venice, La., said. "There's no way to tell unless you hang the fish on a scale. We were not fishing a tournament and we were not going to kill a fish that beautiful. I had no desire to kill something that awesome."

The current Gulf of Mexico record was entered by Barry Carr during the 2002 Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic at the Isle of Capri in Biloxi — 1,054-pounds, six-ounces, 138 inches long.

Remarkably, Carr, an Albany, Ga., native, caught a 998-pound marlin to win the Bay Point Invitational in Panama City the same day Covington caught and released his fish.

Back in the 2002 Classic, Carr's fish was weighed nearly 10 hours after being caught, meaning it lost 10 to 15 percent (150 pounds or more) of its actual body weight before it reached the scales.

Covington was less than an hour from Venice when this fish was released. Had the fish been boated, it would not have lost as much body weight before reaching the scales and could have been a record breaker based on the weight Carr's fish lost en route to Biloxi.

"Why kill the fish just to bring back to the dock and show off?" Covington said. "That is not what

this sport is about."

After catching eight tuna at an area known as Devil's Tower, Covington located a weedline five miles south of the Cognac Rif off the mouth of the Mississippi River. Here, the crew caught a 10 to 15 pound dolphin off the weedline before an explosion was heard off the stern of the boat.

"We finally found some current that was allowing the grass line to form," Covington said. "We used a pink lure with a ballyhoo. The dolphin comes up and eats the bait. Just when I glanced back at the dolphin, the (80-pound class) reel started screaming off."

"Then the dolphin pops back up about 15 yards behind the boat. That's when the marlin came up and ate the 15-pound dolphin in one bite and sucked it down — all in one motion. The bite left a hole in the water the size of the boat."

The hooked fish then swam back and forth through the rip before bolting 400 yards down into the depths of the Gulf. At that point, Covington chased the fish down with the 26-foot Glazier Bay boat to bring the monster back toward the surface.

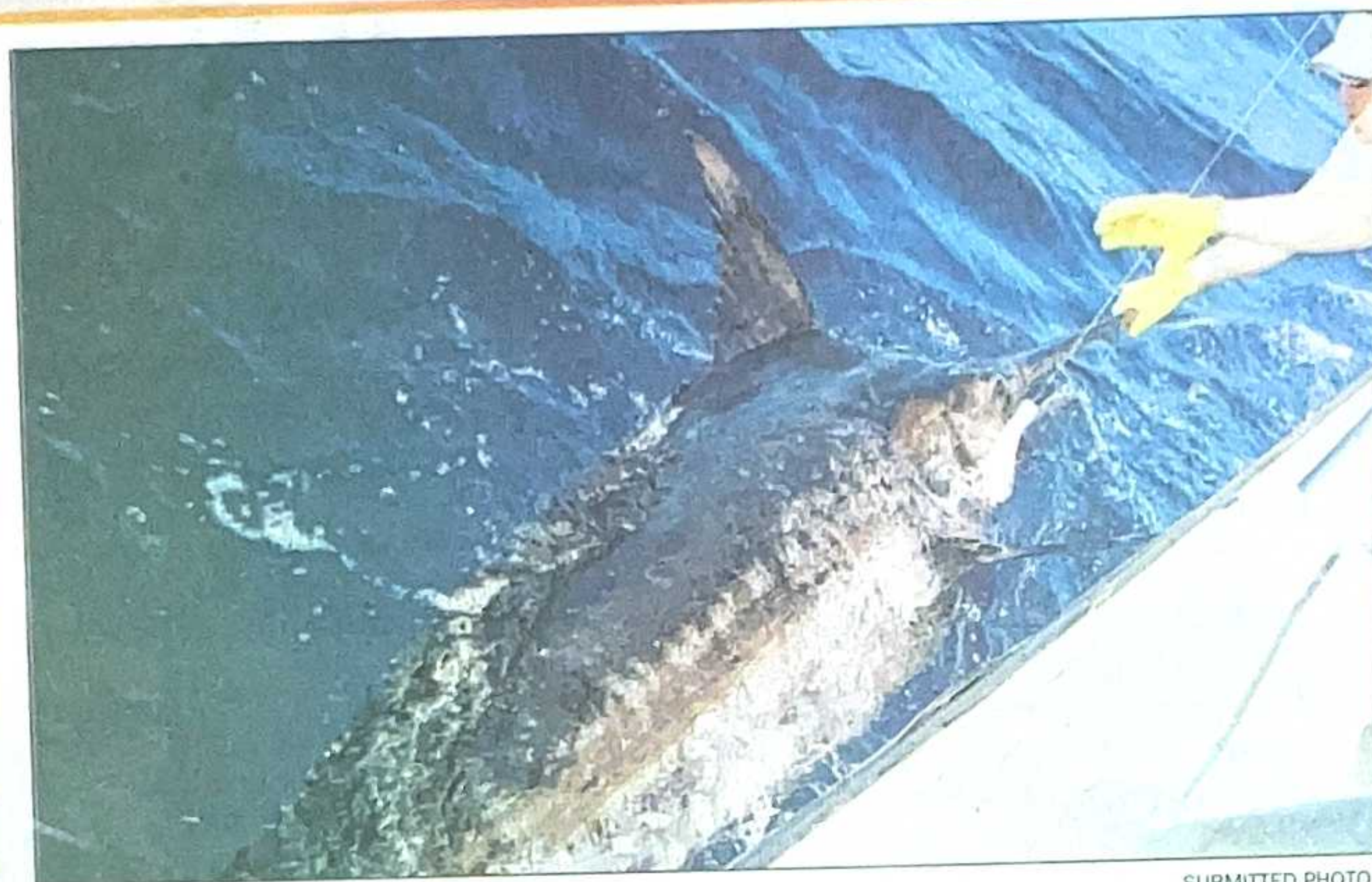
"The fish finally settled down 50 feet on the side of the boat and 50 feet underwater. He then swam for eight miles and we followed. Over the next hour, we covered eight miles with the fish in the water."

After missing on the first opportunity to wire the fish to the boat, the second time was the charm.

Covington put the outboard engines in reverse to avoid gutting the fish with the props and the hook was pulled.

"The fish rolled on one side and I looked at him and he looked at me," Covington said. "He knocked his bill on the side of the boat twice. That was telling me that it was time to let him go. The fish had been revived and it was time to go on. We let him go and he swam right past us. There's no doubt in my mind that the fish is alive right now. And that is the most important thing."

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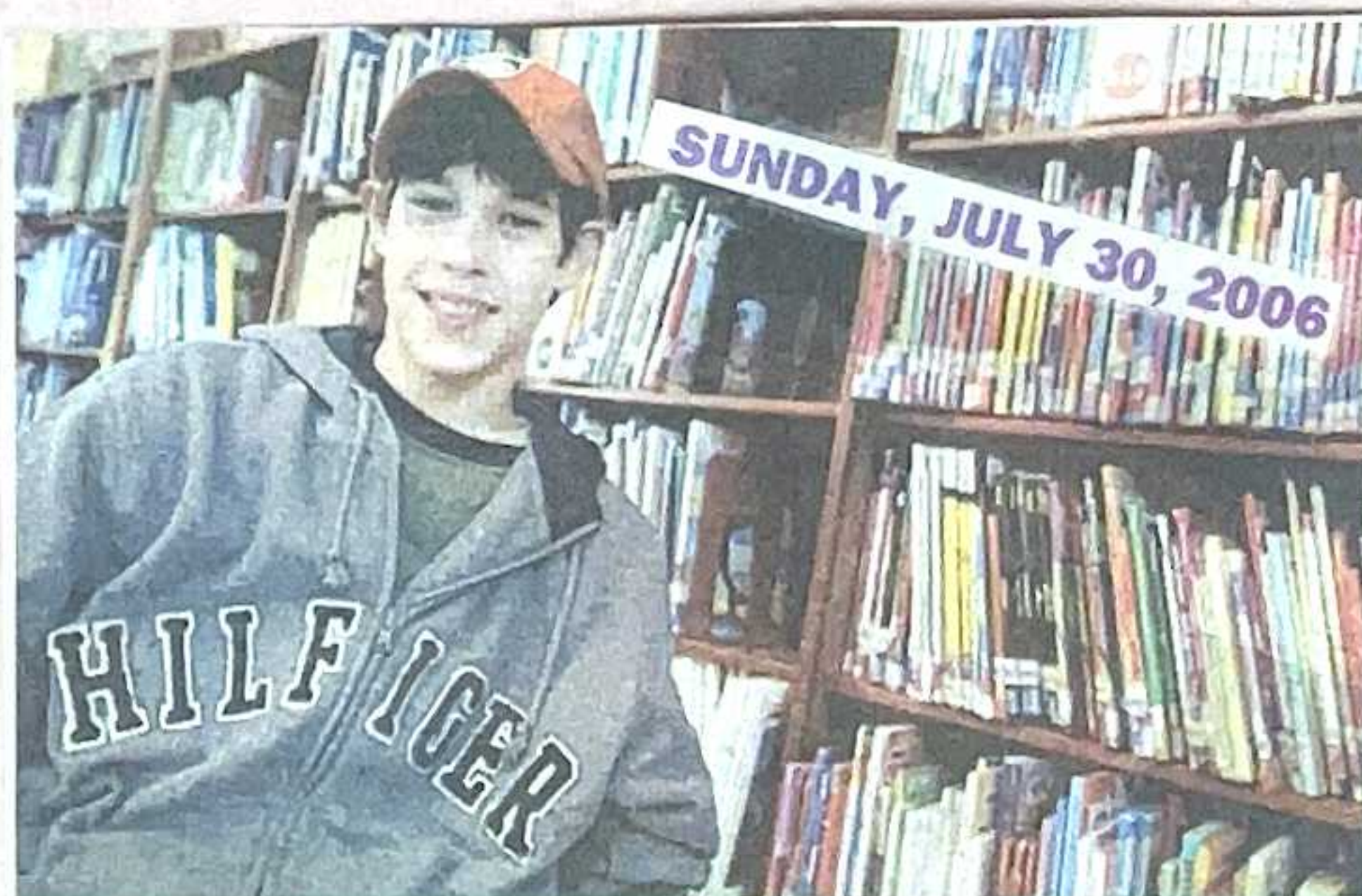
Monster marlin

Rimmer Covington Jr. has pictures, and that's all he needs.

What is thought to be a record-setting Gulf of Mexico blue marlin still swims, a potential catch for the next boat trolling through its neighborhood.

Covington, a 2000 grad of St. Stanislaus who now lives in Jackson, released this nearly 12-foot billed giant after fighting it across an 8-mile stretch of sea.

To read more, see Outdoors, C-9. And for still more fishing news, see South Mississippi Outdoors magazine in next Sunday's Sun Herald.



Alex Meinzing, 14, wears a Tommy Hilfiger full zip hoodie, a heather T-shirt and a baseball cap. He will be in the 9th grade at St. Stanislaus this fall. Clothing was provided by stores at Prime Outlets in Gulfport.